

From: Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

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Summary: In support of the UK's COP26 Presidency [United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties 26], Kent County Council is working across sectors and joining forces with local authorities, businesses and residents across Kent and Medway, to inspire action ahead of, during and beyond COP26. This includes projects and events to improve adaptation, countryside access, green infrastructure, EV charge points and the low carbon economy. This paper details the activity across Kent linking to COP26 goals.

Recommendation(s):

1. Cabinet to note KCC's work date and future plans on the Environment.
2. Cabinet to consider in the light of COP26 what more might be done across KCC and with partners to help us achieve the COP26 targets.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 21st UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP21) brought together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. During this conference in Paris, in 2015, countries agreed¹ to work together to limit global warming to below 2 degrees compared to pre-industrial levels by the end of this century, and to aim for 1.5 degrees. Beyond 2 degrees Celsius, studies suggest that we are likely to "lock the climate" into a state of continuing loss of arctic sea ice, sea level rise, increased wildfire activity, shifts in agricultural yields, and greater stress on water supplies globally.
- 1.2 In November 2021, the UK will host the 26th COP in Glasgow. This is widely viewed as a pivotal moment for countries to work together to secure global

¹ Via the Paris Agreement – a legally binding international treaty on climate change

Net Zero² by 2050; adapt to protect communities and natural habitats affected by climate change; mobilise finance to support action; and finalise how partners across the globe will deliver the Paris Agreement.

1.3 Through COP26, the UK government must demonstrate ambition and leadership to inspire and influence countries across the globe to continue to make the commitments needed to tackle the considerable challenges ahead. During COP26, countries will be required to show how they will achieve four objectives:

- Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees as the target maximum global temperature rise by the end of this century compared to pre-industrial levels.
- Achieve and implement climate change adaptation to protect communities and natural habitats
- Mobilise finance to achieve the above
- Work together to deliver the above

1.4 At Kent County Council, we acknowledge that we have a crucial role to play in carbon emission reductions and adaptation to climate change, through our strategic and statutory roles and through our services. COP26 presents a timely opportunity to highlight how we are working with local authorities and partners across Kent and Medway to support a green recovery from coronavirus, achieve Net Zero and support a resilient and healthy local economy, natural environment, and resilient community. This report details the ongoing, collaborative efforts we are leading across Kent to inspire action and contribute towards each of these globally significant goals.

2. COP26 Goal #1: Secure global Net Zero by 2050

2.1 Countries are being asked to come forward with ambitious 2030 emissions reductions targets that align with reaching Net Zero (carbon emissions) by 2050. To deliver on these stretching targets, countries will need to:

- accelerate the phase-out of coal
- curtail deforestation
- speed up the switch to electric vehicles
- encourage investment in renewables³.

2.2 In Kent and Medway, our Emissions Analysis and Pathways to Net Zero 2050 report (December 2020) was commissioned to understand the optimum pathway for achieving in Kent and Medway the target of Net Zero by 2050. This report is helping local authorities set area and organisational five-year

² 'net zero' means that carbon emissions are minimised, and any remaining emissions are balanced by absorbing an equivalent amount from the atmosphere, via a process known as carbon offsetting. Carbon offsetting is an action or activity (such as the planting of trees, hedgerows or other biological, chemical, or physical processes) that achieves that absorption.

³ COP26 Goals are those stated on the [COP26 website](#)

carbon budgets⁴ and emission reduction pathways to 2050. It also helps identify which sectors are the largest emitters and what key action is needed to be able to reach Net Zero. This [Pathways report](#). This Pathways report was considered by the County Council's Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee 29th June 2021.

- 2.3 KCC has committed to a target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 for its own estate and services. KCC continues to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as planned and is ahead of the previous 5-year reduction target set in 2016. The £40m project to switch 120,000 streetlights to LED (Light Emitting Diodes) was one of the key projects in reducing carbon emissions (and saving energy costs) and in the last 10 years KCC has reduced its carbon emissions by 73%. Now a new way of measuring carbon emissions is being introduced to capture more data and bring us in line with how the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) measures emissions. This was detailed in the paper presented to Cabinet 30th September 2021.
- 2.4 KCC has secured grant funding of £20.6m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme that is expected to deliver a further reduction of 40% in KCC's carbon emissions by March 2022. The programme includes the construction and purchase of solar parks, installing solar on KCC buildings, replacing oil and gas boilers with heat pumps and other energy efficiency measures. LED upgrades have been completed for four of KCC's buildings with an estimated annual saving of 13 tonnes of CO₂. Before the upgrade, these four buildings produced 19 tonnes of CO₂ per annum, and after LED installations, this has reduced to 6 tonnes. We are working to deliver a large LED installation at Ashford Highways Depot; again, before the upgrade, this building was emitting 27.6 tonnes of CO₂ per year, and after the installation, this has reduced to 12.8 tonnes, saving us 14.8 tonnes per year. We are continuing to deliver the Air Source Heat Pump at Ashford Highways Depot and the Ground Source Heat Pump at the Swattenden Centre. The Swattenden Centre is a particularly exciting project as it will completely convert the site from its oil-fired heating system to low carbon heating, saving around 45 tonnes CO₂ every year, a 66% reduction in emissions. SAS Energy are currently working on project delivery to install solar on six KCC buildings and the total project is estimated to save 85.7 tonnes of CO₂ every year. We have also appointed Kier to deliver a 3MW solar park at the Kings Hill former rare pig farm site, and they have started the initial non-invasive surveys. We are also negotiating the purchase of a large solar park in Herne Bay.
- 2.5 KCC is facilitating a District and Borough wide EV (electric vehicle) charger network project. This is intended to provide hundreds of Fast (7kwh) and Rapid (75kwh) charging points across Kent and Medway and will operate as a supplier funded model with revenue share back to the local authorities. We

⁴ A carbon budget is a self-set cap on the amount of greenhouse gases emitted in an area over a five-year period.

have recently awarded the tender for the District EV charger network to *Connected Kerb* covering six Kent Districts and Medway.

- 2.6 KCC is also keen to ensure our smaller communities do not miss out, and as such, we are working with interested parish and town councils to install EV fast charging points on appropriate public land they may own. This scheme is revenue sharing and will provide Fast charging from 7-22kwh, similar to speeds you might expect to receive at home, with funding provided by the Government Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), Kent Lane Rental Fund and the Department for Transport. So far, we have installed 20 charge sockets and have a further 30 in development. Additionally, another 25 Parishes have applied which is likely to lead to a further 50 charge sockets. 14 rapid taxi and private hire vehicle EV chargers have been installed with another 14 to follow by the end of 2022.
- 2.7 KCC has obtained over £380k from the Department for Transport (DfT) Capability Fund for an active travel behaviour change programme. There are 12 workstreams to the programme which include initiatives to make active transport more accessible to primary schools, young people, workplaces, key workers, and businesses. KCC also secured an extension to the funding for the E- Cycle scheme via the DfT Access Fund, which allows £87.5k for the purchase of electric cycles and training. E-cycle training will be extended in three districts, Canterbury, Maidstone, and Dover (delivery in Deal) with the potential for further roll out depending on success.
- 2.8 Solar Together Kent is a collective solar panel buying scheme that helps households get a reduced-price installation of solar panels. It was coordinated by KCC together with Medway Council and nine District/Borough Councils and was run in partnership with iChoosr (the collective buying provider). Installations will continue through Autumn 2021 with a total of 450 installations expected, providing an annual CO₂ reduction of 450 tonnes. We are exploring with the provider how we might improve the scheme for a second phase from Spring 2022.
- 2.9 Low Carbon Across the South and East (LoCASE), led by KCC provides financial assistance and business support to increase demand for clean technology, increase energy efficiency of businesses, and increase growth of the low carbon environmental goods and services sector. The programme was extended to June 2023 with an additional £14m grant from the then Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Since LoCASE was extended, there have been 1,436 enquiry forms submitted across the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) area. 105 projects have already been approved, totalling £617,806. This is in addition to the initial programme which ran from February 2016 and supported 1,278 small and medium enterprises, through £5m of grant funding, totalling investments of £12.5m. In May 2021, Low Carbon Kent Network won the category Delivering Clean Growth in the national ADEPT⁵ President's Award. In September 2021, Kent

⁵ Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport

was the South East's venue for the COP26 Zero Carbon Tour Battle Bus - again aimed at supporting our small and medium sized enterprises with knowledge, understanding and grants to tackle their own carbon footprints.

- 2.10 Kent REVS Up for Cleaner Air Scheme is a project encouraging businesses to make the switch to electric vehicles to improve air quality and limit the impact of climate change. KCC secured £1.5M of Highways England funding to operate a two-year electric van scheme for businesses. REVS is now underway with 39 of the 48-van fleet now with KCC and over 115 businesses have already trialled an electric vehicle across the county. At the end of the two-year project these vehicles will become part of KCC's own fleet replacing petrol and hybrid vehicles. The project also includes funding for more EV charging points.
- 2.11 Through our positive hosting arrangement for the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit we secure additional workstreams that help reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and sequester carbon, often these projects have 'co-benefits' for nature or landscape enhancements or support the AONB economy. Examples include the Experience sustainable rural tourism project, supporting local businesses to generate new experiential tourism focusing on low carbon activities, a second example is the recently launched Farming in Protected Landscape grant programme which will deliver grant funding expected to amount to nearly £1.5m climate and nature are key targets with a focus on reducing farm and rural business-based greenhouse gas emissions which account for around 10% of the UK's emissions.

3. COP26 Goal #2: Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats

- 3.1 The climate is already changing and it will continue to change even as we reduce emissions, with potentially devastating effects. We need to adapt to these changes. At COP26 countries need to work together to enable and encourage those affected by climate change to:
- protect and restore ecosystems
 - build defences, warning systems and resilient infrastructure and agriculture to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and even lives⁶
- 3.2 KCC commissioned the Climate Change Risk and Impact Assessment for Kent and Medway (CCRIA). This Assessment has been developed as a county-level version of the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment. The study is pioneering as very few local authorities have conducted climate change risk assessments at this scale. The CCRIA highlights the environmental changes Kent could experience over the next 20-80 years, the potential risks, and opportunities these changes pose to Kent's society, economy and environment, and recommendations for adaptation action.

⁶ COP26 Goals are those stated on the [COP26 website](#)

- 3.3 KCC and Cranfield University have developed a rainwater harvesting tool to help farmers and businesses better understand the opportunities for rainwater harvesting and the associated water resources, irrigation management and investment issues. This will help Kent's soft fruit production farms, one of the largest concentrations of fruit farms in the UK. The user-friendly tool with accompanying guide is available for free online. The tool supports farmers in calculating the most effective rainwater harvesting system for their circumstances, considering local climate variability as well as farm information on cropped areas, crop types and storage.
- 3.4 The Interreg funded STAR2Cs (Short Term Adaptation for long term Resilience To Climate Change) project, led by KCC, united eight partners who are working to overcome similar challenges by improving and increasing climate change adaptation. STAR2Cs' primary goal was to overcome the 'implementation gap' currently faced in delivering local action to build adaptation. The project came to an end in August 2021 after over four years of work. KCC held the final conference on 17 June 2021 to share experiences and lessons learned on building local resilience to climate change across the partnership. The project outputs included innovative tools to encourage adaptation, social engagement strategies to increase climate awareness and action, and case studies of the pilot regions.
- 3.5 The Interreg funded Cool Towns project, united a range of partners including KCC who were looking at innovative ways to deliver blue/green infrastructure to manage heat risk. As one of the Kent projects within this programme we delivered a tree planting project in Margate that not only tackles known surface water risks being experienced by a number of identified streets (through an underground water recharge system linked to each tree's plot), but simultaneously provides canopy cover to those same streets, providing shade for vulnerable residents in a known heat stressed part of the town.
- 3.6 KCC's report, Natural Solutions to Climate Change in Kent (June 2021), provides a better understanding of the potential for nature-based solutions in the county. Whilst the Council's estate presents opportunities, wider joined up thinking and partnership working will enable bigger and better gains for the county. Rather than develop a strategy for nature-based solutions, we will look to provide the strategic framework for these in Kent within the legislatively required Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The Environment Bill (now expected to get royal assent in October 2021) introduces a requirement for a county-scale Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and the Kent Nature Partnership has established a task and finish group to take forward this work, with KCC and Kent Wildlife Trust jointly leading.
- 3.7 A Kent Tree Establishment Strategy will be examined by the KCC Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee 3rd November 2021. This outlines how KCC will, working in partnership, see the realisation of the ambition for Kent to extend its tree cover by 1.5 million by 2030, establishing one new tree for every resident living in the county. Additionally, Kent will have an average tree canopy cover of 19% by 2050, the target recommended by the Committee on Climate Change. The delivery of these new trees,

alongside the protection and restoration of existing trees, hedgerow, and woodland, will support the recovery of wildlife, provide natural climate solutions, and enrich people's lives. All trees established under our Tree Strategy will follow principles for tree establishment in Kent, building on the philosophy of the "right tree in the right place" and the trees will be established by a combination of new stock and through managed natural regeneration.

3.8 Since stating its ambitions in 2019 for 1.5 million new trees to be established in the county, Kent County Council has delivered the following:

- 48,075 trees planted by the Old Chalk New Downs project, with KCC and Heritage Lottery Funding (2019-21).
- 16,000 trees and hedges planted by the county's Countryside Management Partnerships (2019).
- 13,615 trees planted by the Kent Downs AONB's Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme, with KCC and Heritage Lottery Funding (2020-21).
- Average of 900 street trees planted per annum by Kent Highways (2019-21).
- 1094 trees planted by Kent Highways and Canterbury City Council as part of the Canterbury - The Story of England project (2021-23).
- £275,129 of funding from the Local Authority Treescape Fund, delivering 250 standard trees and 41,000 whips in Ashford and Swale in 2021/22.
- £500,000 from the Shared Outcomes Fund, to deliver 3,588 trees and 6,408m² of natural regeneration through the Trees Outside Woodland project (2020-23).
- Appointment of a of a dedicated officer to oversee the delivery of the Kent Tree Establishment Strategy.

3.9 In delivering Kent's Plan Bee (KCC's Pollinator Action Plan), we have established a partnership between Kent Wildlife Trust and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and, for a second year, we have seconded an expert officer from these charities to help us take forward this work. Key areas of work include: reviewing how we manage the land we own, manage or influence so that all opportunities to enhance our estate for the benefits of pollinators are taken; using mapping such as B-Lines, to identify which sites offer the greatest potential and should be prioritised for potential maintenance changes; using the north Kent Fastrack route to promote the Plan Bee action plan; engaging the public in the pollinator agenda, with a focus on the Shril Carder Bee; exploring bee friendly bus shelters with green roofs; and supporting Kent's districts in the development of their own pollinator action plans through the provision of the Kent Plan Bee blueprint.

3.10 Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership (KCSP) are the Conservation Activities Consultant for Ashford Borough Council's £3 million National Lottery Heritage Project in Victoria Park, tasked with bringing nature to life for people working, visiting, and engaging with the park. North West Kent Countryside Partnership has secured funding from Highways England to carry out habitat improvements resulting in Biodiversity Net Gain at Telegraph Hill, Higham. We have also carried out a series of events and activities for Sevenoaks District

Council over the summer holidays, aimed at changing residents' behaviour relating to climate change, and forming more eco-friendly habits.

- 3.11 The Kent Downs AONB team's Darent Valley Landscape Partnership has been delivering new natural flood and drought management projects in the Darent catchment with more planned next year; these projects reduce the likelihood of flood while also enhancing nature and landscape quality. In addition, the Farming in Protected Landscape scheme mentioned above has a focus nature-based solutions to climate change on enhancing nature across the Kent Downs.
- 3.12 There is a sustained increase in use of footpaths, green spaces, country parks and public rights of way (PRoW) from the initial lockdown, and both of the latter two KCC services have benefited from significant investment to repair, renew and improve access for the public through utilising Contain Outbreak Management Funding. KCC services have worked together with a number of external partners to provide marketing and campaigns which complement each other, including: to encourage users of public rights of way to respect as well as enjoy the PRoW network and countryside; to support those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic to access green space for good health; and a campaign involving production of a suite of films to encourage behaviour change relating to energy and low emissions.

4. COP26 Goal #3: Mobilise finance

- 4.1 Developed countries must⁷ make good on their promise to mobilise at least \$100bn in climate finance per year by 2020. International financial institutions must play their part and need to work towards unleashing the trillions in private and public sector finance required to secure global net zero.⁸
- 4.2 Before KCC made its commitment in July 2020 to an accelerated target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 for its own estate and services, we commissioned Laser Energy to establish the outline costs and feasibility of achieving this. Laser estimated that reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 would cost around £27m to achieve by 2030 but would bring a return of £96m by 2050 in saved costs and income generation.
- 4.3 As introduced in paragraph 2.4, an initial portfolio bid of projects were prepared which meant in December 2020 we were able to act quickly to apply for and gain grant funding of £20.6m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for projects that will deliver a further reduction of 40% in KCC's carbon emissions by March 2022. We also secured a further £1.2m for schools-based projects.

⁷ As taken directly from [COP26 Goals - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 \(ukcop26.org\)](https://www.ukcop26.org/)

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- 4.4 The KCC Ecological Advice Service (EAS) continues to provide ecological planning advice to the county's planning authorities. We now provide ecological advice to all but two of the planning authorities (Dover and Tunbridge Wells, who both have in-house ecologists). The service is expected to generate over £100,000 in 2021/22. Business development for the service includes the development of a chargeable pre-application advice service and the expansion of the current service provision to support the delivery of biodiversity net gain within planning.
- 4.5 We continue to work closely with the South East Nature Partnership and are working on an Accelerating Nature-based Climate Solutions project. Funded by the Sector Support Fund, this project is looking at how we can accelerate the emergence of a new 'market-place' for nature-based solution projects which will support clean growth by providing carbon-offsetting solutions. The project is due to conclude late spring/early summer 2022.
- 4.6 From 2020 to 2030 KCC has identified an annual £1million for our Climate Change Fund to support our ambition to reach net zero for our estate by 2030.

5. COP26 Goal #4: Work together to deliver

- 5.1 We can only rise to the challenges of the climate crisis by working together. At COP26 world leaders will be looking to the British Government to:
- finalise the Paris Rulebook (the detailed rules that make the Paris Agreement operational)
 - accelerate action to tackle the climate crisis through collaboration between governments, businesses, and civil society⁹.
- 5.2 Working together effectively across KCC is essential to our success in achieving ambitious environmental targets. We have integrated our Net Zero and environmental ambitions within the policy framework to ensure there is alignment and cohesion across the organisation. We are examined annually across different services each time to retain our certification for ISO 14001 – the internationally agreed Environmental Standard. Externally we seek partnerships and collaboration to pool resources and skills, extend our reach and achieve the greatest impact.
- 5.3 The Energy and Low Emission Strategy (ELES) is an excellent example of working together. The ELES aims to support the public sector across Kent and Medway to play a strong leadership role with regards to challenges and opportunities. It will also facilitate increased and accelerated action and implementation across Kent and Medway. The Strategy was adopted by Kent County Council in July 2020. Since the ELES was published, 14 organisations/groups have endorsed or adopted the Strategy.

⁹ As above

- 5.4 KCC conceived and supports the Kent and Medway Environment Group, chaired by Colin Carmichael, Chief Executive of Canterbury City Council. Consisting of senior leaders from across Kent's public and voluntary partners, this group's key purpose is achievement of the county's Net Zero by 2050 target.
- 5.5 KCC is leading on the development, testing and rollout of a comprehensive climate change impact assessment and social value framework for public sector decision making, with associated policies, guidance, training, and support. This will develop a consistent approach across Kent and Medway, to assess, manage and mitigate environmental impacts resulting from public sector policies, strategies, service delivery, commissioning, and procurement. The final product is due at the end of 2021 for roll out in 2022.
- 5.6 A refreshed Kent Design Guide in digital format is in development to replace the 2005 printed version. The refreshed guide aims to ensure there is a county level framework for design quality in building development, including sustainability and renewable energy. This will ensure climate change, energy, air quality and environmental considerations are integrated into Local Plans, policies, and developments, by developing a clean growth strategic planning policy and guidance framework for Kent and Medway, to drive down emissions and mainstream climate resilience. The aim is to have the web site publicly available and ready for use by Spring 2022.
- 5.7 KCC will also be incorporating the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and adaptation to, and mitigation of, climate change in the latest iteration of its Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
- 5.8 A comprehensive Kent Environmental Communications and Engagement strategy has been developed and agreed with partners. It is designed to ensure a collaborative approach to communications, under the banner 'Kent Green Action', across Kent and Medway. The action plan includes creating a social media calendar, engaging our staff, sharing our stories via press releases and awards submissions, and engaging with local communities. This enables a comprehensive communications, engagement and behaviour change programme targeted at residents, employees, businesses, and visitors. Supporting a partnership approach to communication and engagement through Kent Green Action means maximised efficiencies and resources, but also creates material that is more impactful and far-reaching.
- 5.9 KCC will once again be running the annual Kent Environment Strategy (KES) Conference, based around the themes of COP26, to raise the profile of our work, showcase exemplars, and further the local partnerships and collaborative working that is already underway. It will take place on 2nd November with up to 100 delegates in person and up to 300 online with a recording available for general viewing afterwards. Last year's online conference was a huge success with over 350 attendees and presentations from Lord Deben and Greg Clark MP. Events such as the KES Conference are important for demonstrating progress, informing both partners and the public of the work that is under way, and of celebrating success. Increasing

the visibility of our innovation, commitment, and progress towards Net Zero will also inspire more action and support future partnerships and funding opportunities.

- 5.10 KCC's Plan Bee was adopted by Full Council in July 2019. It is chaired by Sean Holden and there are a further 15 Members on the group, with good cross-party representation. In May 2021, a new Facebook page for Kent's Plan Bee was launched, which has proven really popular, with over 950 people following the page in just the first month and its posts reaching over 114,000 people, with 15,000 people engaging in those posts by liking, commenting, or sharing.
- 5.11 A public survey was also conducted to better understand people's perceptions of pollinators and what action they would support. The survey received 4,655 responses and showed that:
- There is good general understanding of pollination and there is a very strong understanding of the causes of pollinator decline and the possible consequences of such a decline.
 - There is a strong preference for less-frequently cut grassland in public spaces and road verges, although a much smaller group did highlight concerns about issues relating to weeds, driver-visibility, tidiness, and litter.
 - There was strong support shown for wilder verges, wild spaces generally and flower-rich grassland in urban as well as rural settings

6. Policy Framework

- 6.1 The environment is one of the five main Challenges set out in the Interim Strategic Plan that KCC is delivering. Tackling the climate emergency is identified as an urgent priority.

7. Equalities Impact assessment

- 7.1 Equality Impact Assessments are undertaken as on a project-by-project basis.

8. General Data Protection Regulation considerations

- 8.1 Where personal data is to be processed for an individual project to deliver a Data Protection Impact Assessment was/will be completed.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 Kent has much to be proud of in its mission to reach Net Zero. Our work has been ongoing for many years but there is greater public, political and media interest than ever as COP26 brings renewed focus on the environment. This is an important opportunity to capitalise on the momentum and showcase all that we have already achieved and what we are working towards.

- 9.2 There are enormous challenges ahead but we have robust, evidence-based plans in place and we will continue to make progress, demonstrate strong leadership, work inclusively and collaboratively across many sectors, and make our impact even more visible.
- 9.3 Together we are stimulating the economy and creating sustainable jobs and also improving air quality and public health. We are mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss to protect our environments for future generations, and we have even greater aspirations for the next decade.

10. Recommendations

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