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Enabling Tools – cross cutting themes and actions	Low	1		Resources and HR	Rolling out a climate change learning and development programme for staff to improve understanding of carbon and the wider environmental context. The skills programme will include: •Base level training for all employees •Encouraging personal responsibility and roll out of a Green Champions Network. •More targeted/ intensive training for organisational decision-makers to enable them to adequately assess carbon impacts in their decisions	Short		All staff briefings delivered. Training being developed. Intranet messages	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Enabling Tools – cross cutting themes and actions	Low	2		Resources	Sharing our knowledge – we will provide capacity to share our learning and approaches with others, such as town and parish councils and community groups.	Short		Five parish council talks given, more planned for 2021 Advice given re LED lighting School talks given	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Enabling Tools – cross cutting themes and actions	Low	3		Resources	Promotion of low carbon food through council facilities and communication. Promotion of vegan and vegetarian diets using seasonal, local sources to support local food networks.	Short		Largely on hold due to COVID. Christmas tips given	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Enabling Tools – cross cutting themes and actions	Low	4		Resources	Identify and align to national days of action to reinforce the message of collective action.	Short		Time table drawn up and activities developed for 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Enabling Tools – cross cutting themes and actions	Low	5		Cabinet	A special projects fund has been set up to fund projects including those to tackle the emergency.	Short		Fund used to finance Carbon Trust report Project Officer Fuel and Water adviser	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	1	Council	Property	Retro-fit Swale House to cut carbon emissions (e.g. extra insulation, triple glazing, heat pump, solar PV).	2025	186	Carbon Trust report delivered March 2020 Consultants appointed, business case being developed. Bid to Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund submitted for fees. Main bid to be submitted by 11 January 2021..	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	2	Council	CEL	Replace SBC fleet vehicles with electric vehicles.	2025	26	9 vans in service Dec 2020. Mayor's car ordered. Pool car ordered.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	3	Council	CEL	Revise procurement strategy to embed the climate and ecological emergency into all procurement decisions.	2023	780	underway	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	4	Buildings	Planning	Prior to the adoption of the new Local Plan, use a planning condition based on a 50% improvement over current building regulations, ratcheting to 75% and 100% improvement by 2025 and 2030 respectively, as the basis for negotiation with developers through pre-application and planning application negotiations.	2020-2030	400 - 1,000+t extra reduction p.a.	50% reduction over Building Regs required in all new domestic developments. Developer guidance published and available on website. Local Plan under review. Sustainable Construction Policy and SPD being developed.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	5	Council	Property	Eliminate single-use plastic from council operations wherever possible.	2021	-	Plastics largely eliminated at Swale House. Cleaning product packaging changed. Vending machine contracts not being renewed. Biodegradable tree guards being introduced Rest of estate being considered	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	6	Ecology & biodiversity	CEL	Tree planting on council land (target; 148,100 trees or 60 acres of woodland) to offset 20% of council emissions.	2025	1,481t offset of woodland) to offset 20% of council emissions.	2,500 trees planted in country parks 2019/20 Open space survey undertaken and potential tree planting sites being identified	Actions Swale Borough Council can take

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Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	7	Transport	CEL	Install EV charging points across the borough.	2025	to be monitored	Charging points in Swale House and Multi-storey in Stingbourne, Central Car Park in Faversham and Rose Street Car Park in Sheerness.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	8	Transport	ECS	Improve facilities and incentives for walking and cycling.	2030	Large	Local plan transport strategy developed and out for consultation in early 2021 Improved cycle storage and showers for SBC staff. Cycle to work scheme increased to £2000, includes ebikes	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	9	Buildings	Policy	Bulk buying scheme for solar PV installations paid-for by residents (in partnership with KCC).	2020-21	100	Solar Together successfully marketed in the Autumn. 459 referrals and 78 acceptances	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ten High Priority Key Actions	High	10	Buildings	Policy	Fuel and water advice outreach service to reduce fuel and water bills for vulnerable residents.	2020-23	to be monitored	Service Provider appointed early 2020, adviser appointment initially delayed due to COVID. Adviser appointed Oct 2020 and service delivery underway	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	1		Property	Retro-fit Swale House to cut carbon emissions (e.g. extra insulation, triple glazing, heat pump, solar PV).	2025	186	Carbon Trust report delivered March 2020 Consultants appointed, business case being developed. Bid to Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund submitted for fees. Main bid to be submitted by 11 January 2021..	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	2		CEL	Replace SBC fleet vehicles with electric vehicles.	2025	26	9 vans in service Dec 2020. Mayor's car ordered. Pool car ordered.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	3		CEL	Revise procurement strategy to embed the climate and ecological emergency into all procurement decisions.	2023	780	underway	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	4		Property	Eliminate single-use plastic from council operations wherever possible	2021		Plastics largely eliminated at Swale House. Cleaning product packaging changed. Vending machine contracts not being renewed. Biodegradable tree guards being introduced Rest of estate being considered	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	5		HR	Carry out regular staff commuting survey and encourage commuting by walking, cycling or public transport.	2025	20	First survey complete. COVID delayed subsequent surveys	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	6		HR	Encourage use of IT to reduce business travel to meetings.	2025	15	Use of IT for virtual meetings established. All councillors provided with dedicated laptop	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	7		HR	Review HR strategy to remove incentives to use a car for business travel.	2025	15	underway	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	8		HR	Introduce a cycle to work scheme that includes e-bikes.	2021	2	Cycle to work scheme raised to £2000 and includes ebikes	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	9		Property	New waste contract for Swale House to reduce waste & increase recycling.	2020	6	Contract awarded. Reduced the number of collections per year, recycling services are more straight forward. Option to introduce food waste collection. Coffee cup and crisp packet recycling introduced.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	10		Property	Provide facilities to encourage cycling to work (e.g. secure cycle storage, shower)	2020	1	Shower refurbishment complete. 6 extra secure spaces for bike storage	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	11		Cabinet/IT	Develop working practices to use IT to reduce use of paper.	2025	5	Paper used considerably reduced.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Council operations action plan	Low	12		Property and CEL	Ensure LED lighting is fitted across the council estate, including parks and open spaces.	2023	19	Most of Swale House has LEDs. A full survey of all of our lighting assets in Swale, both within our open spaces and within our off-street car parks undertaken. Some car park lighting units already upgraded to LED, so will not require any work. Suitable options for the older stock being considered.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take

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Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	High	2		Policy	Bulk buying scheme for solar PV installations paid-for by residents (in partnership with KCC).	2020-21	100	Solar Together successfully marketed in the Autumn. 459 referalls and 78 acceptances	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	High	3		Policy	Fuel and water poverty outreach service to reduce fuel and water bills for vulnerable residents.	2020-23	to be monitored	Service Provider appointed early 2020, adviser appointment initially delayed due to COVID. Adviser appointed Oct 2020 and service delivery underway	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	4		Planning	Use the local plan review to investigate the potential to introduce minimum requirements for on-site renewables on new developments.	Short	Large	Local Plan Policy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	5		Planning	Review Local Plan and incorporate recommended actions on spatial land use strategy and integrated transport strategy, including focusing development in Swale's conurbations to utilise existing vacant sites and under-utilised sites within the settlement confines.	Short	Medium	Local Plan Policy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	6		Planning	Encourage high-quality, medium-high density dwellings near to transport nodes. Development could be supplemented by restricted parking, and EV pool-cars.	Short	Large	Local Plan Policy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	7		Policy	Signpost householders and businesses to grant schemes for insulation and energy improvements, such as the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), Warm Homes and advice services such as the Energy Saving Trust.	Short	Medium	Ongoing via ebullet-in for businesses and website for householders	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	8		Policy	Encourage Town and Parish Councils to fit LED lighting and other low energy technology by providing information on cost savings and carbon reduction.	Short	Small	Letter prepared Dec 2020 advising Parish Councils and offering further advice.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	9		Planning	Consider development of a financial viability toolkit to ensure that the cost of low and zero-carbon methods is accurately assessed (e.g. building materials, design and orientation, natural ventilation, landscaping, renewable generation and off-setting). Toolkit to be used by development management for pre-application advice.	Short	Large	Early discussion with Kent colleagues	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	10		Planning	Develop, initially through a Supplementary Planning Document and subsequently the Local Plan Review Policy, the potential to move rapidly towards zero-carbon development in Swale including using tools such as the Home Quality Mark and BREEAM.	Short	Large	Local Plan Policy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	11		Planning	Provide pre-application advice on energy efficiency and carbon standards and statements for future developments	Short	Large	Guidance published and officers able to give pre-application advice	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	12		Planning	Investigate the potential to set up an offset fund (106 Agreements) or allowable mechanism for developers to pay into if a certain energy efficiency of buildings is not able to be met in the development and use this money for carbon saving projects	Short	Large	Part of the viability study for the Local Plan Review. Further development of an off setting fund planned.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	13		Planning	Investigate options for monitoring and testing conditions compliance on significant major planning applications (250 dwellings +), including those related to climate change (e.g. the performance gap between buildings designed energy use and actual energy use), with a view to securing S.106 obligations from developers to contribute towards the cost of such compliance monitoring	Short	Large	We are trying to ensure future development addresses this through policy	Actions Swale Borough Council can take

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Buildings and energy efficiency action plan.	Low	14		Housing	Enforce private rented and non-domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards regulations	Medium	Medium	Financial penalties for non-compliance in development	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	High	1		CEL	Install EV charging points across the borough.	2025	to be monitored	Charging points in Swale House and Multi-storey in Sttingbourne, Central Car Park in Faversham and Rose Street Car Park in Sheerness.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	High	2		ECS	Improve facilities and incentives for walking and cycling.	2030	Long	Local Plan Transport Strategy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	3		Planning	Review Local Plan and incorporate recommended actions on spatial land use strategy and integrated transport strategy, including favouring public transport and active transport. Use Local Plan Review to reduce the need to travel (e.g. for work).	Short	Medium	Local Plan Policy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	4		ECS	Promote work-place car chargers (Government funding available).	Medium	Medium	underway	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	5		Planning	Through the Local Plan Review, require that 10% of parking spaces in new developments are provided with Electric Vehicle charge points (best technology available at the time of planning approval) which may be phased with 5% initial provision and the remainder at an agreed trigger level	Short	Medium	Implemented in parking SPD and Local Plan	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	6		Planning	Use the Local Plan Review to require that where a development is for more than 50 residential units measures such as the following be provided- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel plan including mechanisms for discouraging high emission vehicle use and encouraging the uptake of low emission fuels and technologies • A welcome pack available to all new residents online and as a booklet, containing information and incentives to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes from new occupiers. • EV car club provision within development or support given to local car club/EV car clubs. • Designation of parking spaces for low emission vehicles • Improved cycle paths to link cycle network. • Adequate provision of secure cycle storage. • Using green infrastructure to absorb pollutants. 	Short	Medium	Already required in development management decisions Local Plan drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	7		Planning / EH	Incorporate a policy on air quality in the local plan review (and initially via an environmental SPD).	Short	Small	Local Plan Policy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	8		Planning / EH	Work with KCC to develop the Swale Local Transport Strategy (to run in parallel to the Local Plan Review) and the promotion and facilitation of a major shift in priorities to public transport and active travel.	Short	Medium	Local Plan Transport Strategy drafted and out for consultation early 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	9		EH / CEL	Establish an anti-idling campaign, initially around school sites from which it can be expanded.	Short	Small	Approved by Cabinet. FPNs being developed. Taxi drivers regularly reminded via newsletters	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	10		Policy	Develop EV charging strategy including publicly accessible fast and rapid chargers, in council and private car parks (e.g. hotels, shopping centres), and working with KCC for on-street charging.	Short	Medium	Strategy being developed along side Transport Strategy. Consultation early 2021	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	11		ECS	Promote business fleet decarbonisation, including the potential cost and reputational benefits.	Medium	Small	Ongoing	Actions we can take in partnership with others.

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Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	12		EH	Engage with public transport providers to improve the quality, quantity and affordability of public transport, so that more people commute by public transport, and reduce carbon emissions from buses.	Medium	Medium	ongoing	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	13		EH/ Planning	Work with KCC to implement 20mph limit across built up areas of borough as a cost effective and swift way to improve air quality, reduce health inequalities, lower carbon footprint and encourage active travel (following the implementation of a comprehensive 20mph zone in Faversham).	Medium	Small	20mph zone in Faversham developed by FTC & KCC and trial underway. The trial ends in March 2021 and recommendations will be taken to a subsequent JTB Roll out to other parts of borough to be considered. Some PCs developing their own plans	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	14		EH	Undertake a feasibility study on implementing a Clean Air Zone along the length of the A2 from Brenley Corner to the western boundary with Medway.	Short	Small	Feasibility study and options appraisal completed. Working with KCC to explore delivery.	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	15		EH	ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme - business case is for engaging and inviting new operators with key information on benefits to business, fuel savings and environment. At present Swale has 22 operators signed up.	Short	Small	We have decided to suspend the Eco Stars scheme. The reasoning behind this decision is firstly because ECO Stars are unable to assess the cost benefits of this scheme as at present there are no mechanisms in place to monitor air quality improvements. Secondly, once the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) feasibly is finalised it may suggest more suitable measures for effectively reducing air pollution	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	16		EH	Apply to Defra's Air Quality Grant Scheme for an electric bus (joint bid with Arriva our main local bus company).	Short	Small	Unsuccessful, but another bid submitted for HGV monitoring in St Pauls. Outcome expected early 2021	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	17		EH	Encourage local school and business travel plans to reduce car journeys.	Short	Small	SBC encourages schools to adopt Kent Smarter Travel Plans (KCC)	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Transport and air quality action plan.	Low	18		EH	Establish a tree planting strategy for schools (links with biodiversity)	Short	Small	Commenced	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	1		Planning	Provide guidance on waste minimisation and resource consumption via a Sustainable Design & Construction SPD.	Short	Medium	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	2		CEL	Decrease the amount of household waste collected by promoting each separate method of recycling	Short	Medium	Ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	3		CEL	Increase amount of garden and food waste collected for compost.	Short	Medium	Ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	4		CEL	Encourage residents to recycle small electricals, textiles and batteries.	Short	Medium	Ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	5		CEL	Signpost residents to recycling facilities for products that cannot be recycled in the kerbside collections.	Short	Small	Ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	6		CEL	Reduce contamination of recycling that leads to rejected loads.	Short	Medium	Ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	7		CEL	Encourage litter picks and measures to reduce the amount of plastic litter in the sea	Short	-	3 plastic recycling bins on Sheppey beaches. Community litter picks supported.	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	8		CEL	Work with KCC to stop export abroad of recyclables	Medium	-	Currently 18.7% (10,000t) of all waste & recycling from Swale is exported	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	9		CEL	influence KCC to maintain or improve the low levels of waste that go to landfill.	Medium	Small	Currently 0.3% which is one of the best rates in the county	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	10		CEL	Promote reduced use of single-use plastic (e.g. in partnership with Plastic-Free Faversham and Plastic-Free Sheerness).	Short	Small	Ongoing	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	11		CEL	Work with Kent Resource Partnership on county-wide education/communication schemes	short	medium	On-going. Bin labels with info rolled out	Actions we can take in partnership with others.

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Resource consumption and waste action plan.	Low	12		EDU	Promote improved recycling of commercial waste with businesses across the Borough	Long	Large	ongoing	Actions we can take in partnership with others.
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	High	1		CEL	Tree planting on council land (target; 148,100 trees or 60 acres of woodland) to offset 20% of council emissions.	2025	1,481t offset (25t to date)	2,500 trees planted in country parks 2019/20 Open space survey undertaken and potential tree planting sites being identified	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	2		Planning	To use planning policy (local plan and a supplementary planning document) to improve development outcomes which support access and recreation, green spaces, biodiversity and climate change adaptation and mitigation.	Short	Medium	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	3		CEL	Establish a baseline of trees and woodland on council land and develop a funded action plan to increase tree cover in Swale and promote the benefits of sequestration.	Short	Medium	Baseline established	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	4		Planning	Ensure the installation and maintenance of landscaping in new developments to contribute to biodiversity net gain via suitable conditions or Section 106 agreements.	Short	Medium	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	5		CEL	Minimise use of fertilizers, pesticides and weed killers.	Short	Small	ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	6		CEL	Promote use of locally produced compost derived from garden and food waste collections	Short	Small	planned	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	7		CEL	Encourage coppicing of council woodland to promote biodiversity and use of local woodland products in Swale's country parks.	Short	Small	Extra 2ha brought into coppicing in Perry Wood. Coppiced timber used locally	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	8		CEL/ECS/EH	Engage business and community groups to support tree planting and conservation work in Swale's efforts to achieve action 1	Short	Large	Ongoing, supporting Trees for Farms, Faversham Tree Week etc	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	9		CEL	Promote forest and beach schools	Short	Small	planned	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Ecology and biodiversity action plan.	Low	10		CEL	Support Swale in Bloom working with schools, community groups, voluntary groups and Town and Parish Councils to enhance local habitats and wildlife corridors improving biodiversity conditions across Swale	Short	Small	Ongoing Faversham awarded by Bumble Bee Conservation Trust in conjunction with Kent Wildlife Trusts 'Wild about Gardens' project for. being bee friendly	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Energy generation and storage action plan.	Low	1		Property	Perform a viability survey at all existing council owned sites to potentially accommodate solar PV.	Medium	Small	planned	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Energy generation and storage action plan.	Low	2		Resources	Signpost residents and businesses through communicating benefits, understanding financial and business cases for installing energy storage with grid balancing capability.	Long	Medium	Batteries offered as part of Solar Together	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Energy generation and storage action plan.	Low	3		Planning	Investigate the possibility of increasing thermal storage (e.g. hot water and ground inter-seasonal storage) for greater maximisation of local energy generation.'	Medium	Medium	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Energy generation and storage action plan.	Low	4		Resources	Investigate a pilot programme to use new technology such as virtual private wire technology to balance between energy generation, storage and use within the borough as part of achieving net zero carbon.	Medium	Medium	Early work with Wheelabrator, BEIS and KCC	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Energy generation and storage action plan.	Low	5		Resources	Develop Swale as an innovation area promoting new low-carbon technology, linked to incubator units for low-carbon start-ups in a retrofitted Swale House.	Medium	Medium	Under consideration. Units will depend on market demand	Actions we can take in partnership with others
Energy generation and storage action plan.	Low	6		Resources/ Finance	Encourage and support community energy projects. Consider community energy as a financial investment.	Medium	Small	Encouraged where appropriate. Principal of extension of permitted time from 25 to 40 years established for existing projects. Investment possibilities under review	Actions we can take in partnership with others

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Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	1		Planning	Incorporate a policy on climate change adaptation in the local plan review	Short	-	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	2		Planning	Investigate the feasibility of determining an indicative price for offsetting carbon and establishing a carbon offsetting fund. (the majority of Local Planning Authorities are currently using a price of £60 per tonne).	Short	Large	Planned	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	3		EP	Regularly update the Emergency Plan for the borough in partnership with the County Council	Short	-	ongoing	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	4		Planning	Ensure the Local Plan reflects the level of current and future flood risk, and development in flood risk areas is avoided.	Short	-	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2019 complete. The SFRA Level 1 is in the final stages of being updated to reflect the UKCP18 data. A Level 2 SFRA is almost complete on a site being taken forward in the plan ie Rushenden Marshes	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	5		Planning	Ensure the Local Plan provides for linking habitat restoration and creation to improve access, flood protection and water quality.	Short	-	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	6		Planning	Ensure the installation and maintenance of green infrastructure via the Local Plan and suitable conditions or Section 106 agreements in subsequent developments.	Short	Medium	Local Plan drafted and out for consultation 2021	Actions Swale Borough Council can take
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	7		CEL/ Planning	Work with the Environment Agency, KCC and the Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board to manage flood risk and coastal erosion across Swale.	Medium	-	Ongoing	Actions we can take in partnership with others:
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	8		ECS	Work to restore natural processes within river systems to enhance water storage capacity and improve water quality.	Medium	-	planned	Actions we can take in partnership with others:
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	9		Planning/ ECS	Develop and start to implement a Nature Recovery Network, linking habitat restoration and creation to improved access, flood protection and water quality	Medium	Small	Commenced	Actions we can take in partnership with others:

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Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	10		Planning/CEL	Work with Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board to minimize the long-term risk of flooding	Short	-	ongoing	Actions we can take in partnership with others:
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	11		EP	Make sure everyone is able to access the information they need to assess any risk to their lives, livelihoods, health and prosperity posed by flooding and coastal erosion;	Medium	-	Ongoing. Signposting to sources of information. EA etc.	Actions we can take in partnership with others:
Resilience, adaptation and offsetting action plan. (See also tree planting actions under Ecology & Biodiversity.)	Low	12		EP	Bring the public, private and third sectors together to work with communities and individuals to reduce the risk of harm – particularly those in vulnerable areas.	Medium	-	Ongoing. Supporting community groups to develop plans etc	Actions we can take in partnership with others: