



## **Maldon District Council - Climate Emergency Statement**

**December 2024**

Maldon District Council herewith seeks to declare a Climate Emergency. In doing so we acknowledge the growing consensus that unless we significantly reduce UK and global greenhouse gas emissions, the consequences of climate change will be severe.

The District of Maldon is bounded by 70 miles of coastline and there are a number of areas where sea defences are at risk of being below the acceptable level of protection, potentially causing flooding to valuable agricultural land. Additionally, our district is affected by localised flooding from surface and ground water including overflowing watercourses and ditches.

Areas of air quality concern have also been identified within our District due to the use of older, more polluting heavy goods vehicles.

With the prospect of greater development occurring across the district and the increased risk of sea levels and rising pollution, we will seek to identify ways to reduce carbon emissions across the Maldon District, by developing strong partnership links, supporting transport initiatives, encouraging greener developments and supporting green infrastructure.

### **Our aspiration is:**

To develop a Climate Action Strategy with the aim to transition to a carbon neutral District and a net zero Council as quickly as practicably possible (but no later than 2050) having appropriate regard to available resources and obtainable technology.

To support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making Maldon District and its parishes net-zero carbon within the timescale.

To work with, influence and inspire partnerships across the District to help deliver the goals through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources.

To include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future.

We make this declaration to show our commitment to making a positive change which will benefit our residents and future generations.

Signed:

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Leader of Maldon District Council

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