Darlington Borough Council's climate change journey

We said we'd reduce our reliance on fossil fuels	We said we'd improve our fleet	We said we would train our staff	We said we would plant 10,000 trees	We said we would improve the energy efficiency of council buildings
We have added extra solar panels to the Town Hall roof, tripling our capacity to generate electricity for our own use	We have bought 17 EVs and have plans for more	76% of staff have completed the training module and information on training for Members has been circulated	We increased the target to 20,000 and more than 15,000 trees have been planted or planned so far	We have successfully bid for government grant funding for work on council buildings and almost 900 properties across Darlington.
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We said we would signpost businesses to information on how they can adapt.	We said we would improve our council homes	We said we would encourage bus companies to upgrade their fleet	We said we would develop a climate change action plan	We said we would update our governance procedures
We have published a business resilience manual to help guide businesses through their adaptation journey	We are developing a housing & climate change strategy	We are working across the Tees Valley to develop a Bus Service Improvement Plan. If funding bids are successful the region will be one of the first in the UK to have an entirely Zero Emission Local Bus Fleet.	Our plan, with nearly 200 actions, was published in October. An independent benchmark review has scored us well above the national average	Climate change is now a standing item on the Economy & Resources Scrutiny Committee agenda

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