



## Naturalising the Borough

*“Together we will create a greener place we can be proud of”*

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- Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019
- Developed a climate change strategy
- Service review of Parks and Streetscene
- Naturalising the Borough workstream
- The Virus....

# Background Strategic Context:

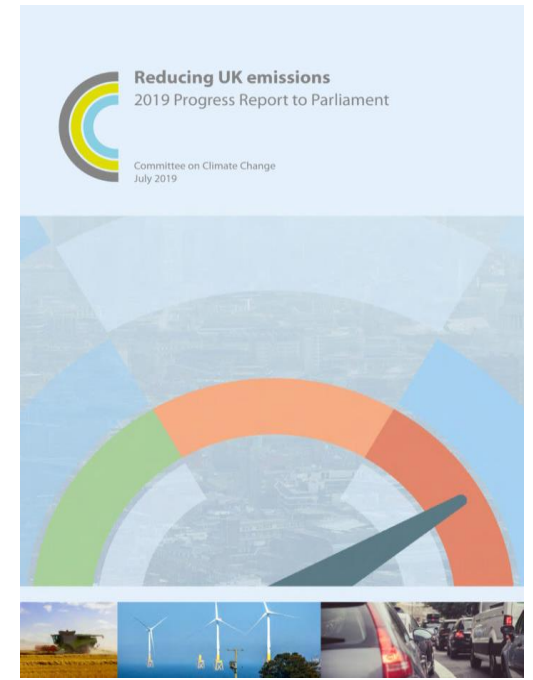
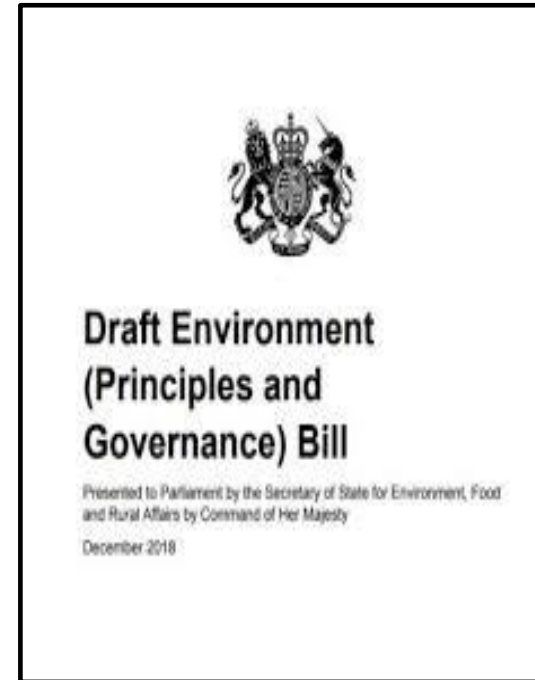
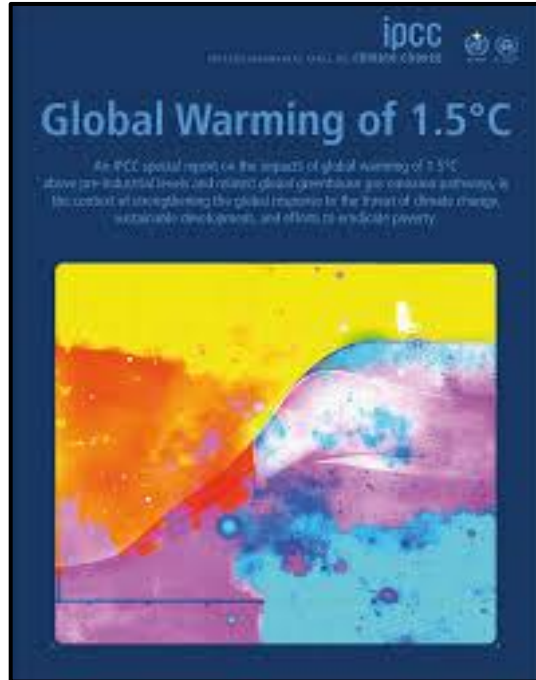
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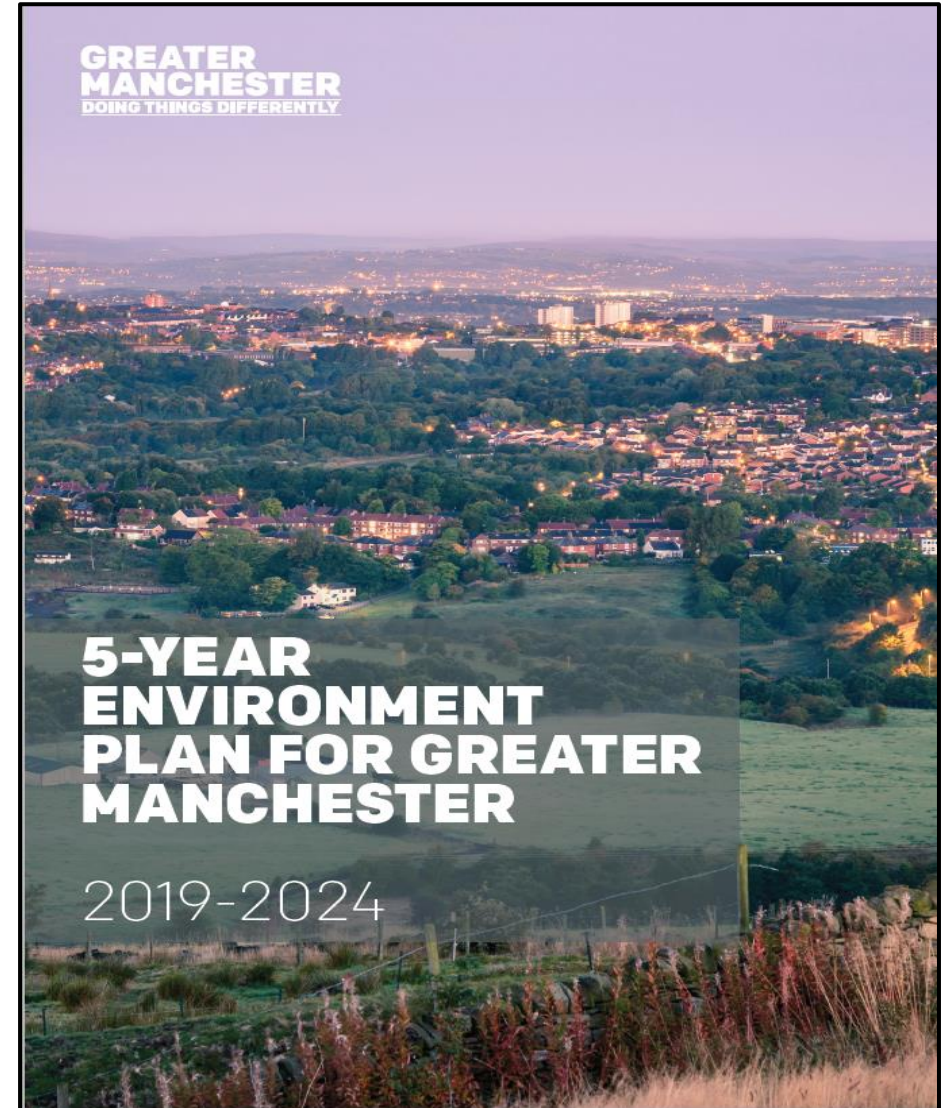
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- 1: Mitigating climate change
- 2: Air quality
- 3: Production and consumption of Resources
- 4: Natural environment
- 5: Resilience and adaptation to the impacts of climate change



# Corporate Strategy:

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## The Deal 2030



- Deal 2030 Big Listening Event when over 6000 residents were consulted
- The borough's environment was one of the major issues raised
- The key issues raised included:
  - aspiration for a litter free borough by 2030
  - reduction in air pollution
  - a reduction in the use of single use plastics
  - greener travel options including better access to walking and cycling routes.

# Climate Change Strategy:

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**Create a clean, green place that we all look after and enjoy**

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**Our residents told us that their local area really matters to them.**

How the borough looks and feels was a huge theme that came through in our conversations. Residents want our borough to be clean, green and somewhere to be proud of. We want that too and we want us all to work together to make this happen.

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- 1. *Our Air Quality*** – we will improve our air quality, so it meets the World Health Organisation guidelines on air quality by 2025
- 2. *Our Climate*** – we will mitigation the impacts of climate change, so we are carbon neutral by 2030
- 3. *Our Environment*** – we will protect, enhance and maintain the borough's natural environment to improve its biodiversity value and its health and wellbeing offer.



4. ***Our Sustainability*** – we will promote a circular economy, helping to reduce waste and promote recycling, so we are recycling 65% of our municipal waste by 2030
5. ***Our Resilience*** – we will be prepared for the impact's unavoidable climate change such as extreme weather events particularly long and intense rainfall, strong winds and storms and unusually high temperatures.
6. ***Our Council*** – we will work closely with our communities and networks to promote environmental awareness, good practice and healthy, sustainable lifestyles.





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- “1 million trees by 2030”
- Wildflowers
- Bee Wigan
- Habitat Creation
- Giving nature a helping hand
- Letting nature take the lead
- The Deal 2030

# Trees

- Creating natural barriers, site hardening
- Identify areas for small woodland creation
- Involve schools e.g. acorns, seeds, whip planting.  
Creating community woodland for the future.
- Planting a tree for each newborn baby
- Succession planting in mature woodlands
- 1 million trees!!

# In Bloom

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- Rethinking our approach
- Review annual bedding
- Perennials
- Herbaceous
- Bulbs
- Wildflowers
- Community planting and maintenance



# Species rich grassland

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- Create areas of pictorial and native wildflower areas
- Bee Wigan
- What you can do to help both in your community and in your own garden
- Giving nature a helping hand
- Let nature do its thing!
- Concerns over public buy in

# Nature does her thing...

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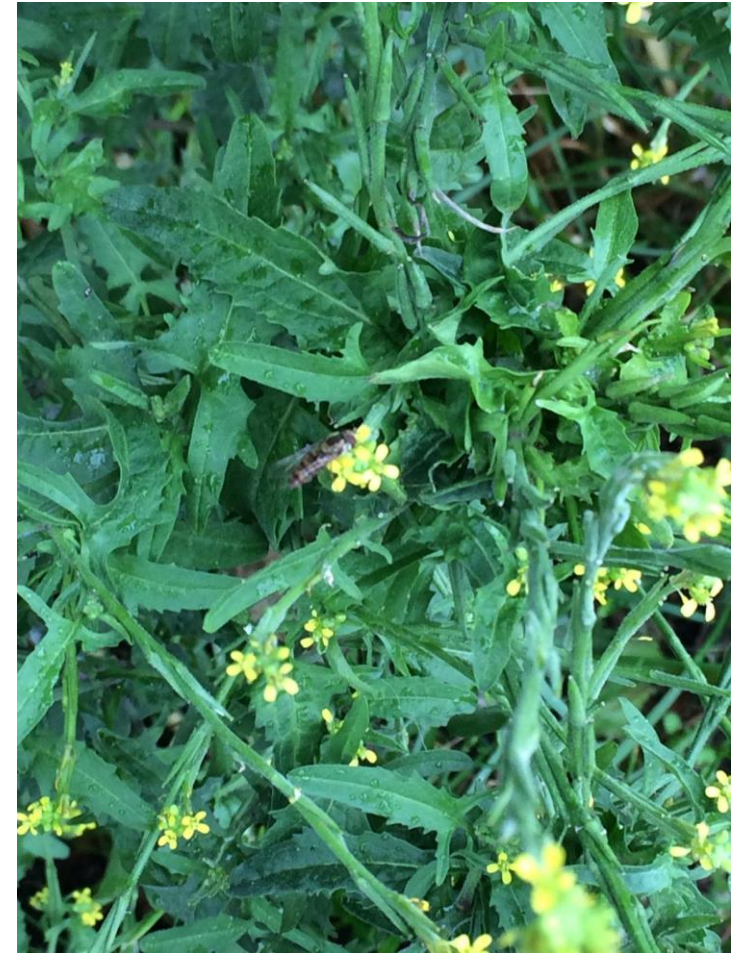
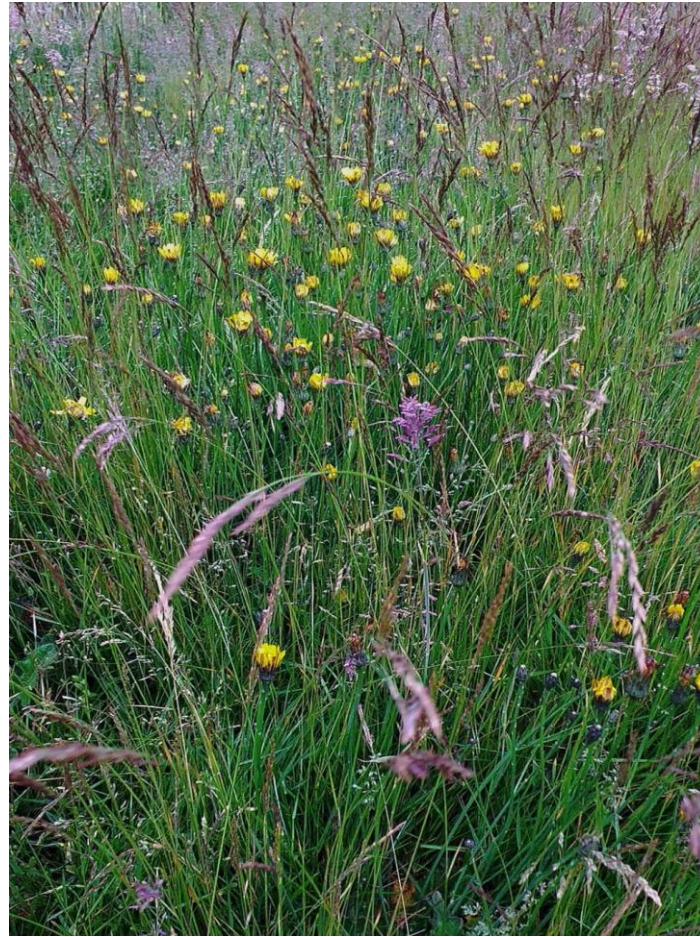
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# A brave new world...

- Embed NTB action plan
- Monitor and evaluate grass cutting programme
- Develop plans for tree planting/grassland schemes
- Collaborate with partners
- Funding opportunities
- Resident engagement



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