**Template email to all newly elected councillors**

(Note: You will need to tailor this email to your local context depending on whether your council already has a Climate Action Plan and how much progress they have made on this.)

**To:** [Insert email address]

**Subject:** Climate Action Plan for [local area]

Dear Councillor

Congratulations on your recent election win. We are [name of group], a group of concerned residents who have been campaigning for a bold and ambitious Climate Action Plan for [name of council].

[For councillors that signed up to the Climate Action Pledge] Thank you for signing up to our Climate Action Pledge and committing to have the climate and ecological emergency as a priority in your work as a councillor.

You may have heard that the government has recently committed to cutting the UK's carbon emissions by 78% by 2035. This will require concerted action at all levels, including councils. We know that austerity and the COVID-19 response has hit council budgets hard, but there are still ways for councils like yours to take urgent action.

[Here are just a few examples](https://takeclimateaction.uk/resources/councils-tackling-climate-chaos) of local authorities doing their bit to help the UK meet its climate targets. You can also use [this local climate data tool](https://takeclimateaction.uk/near-me/your-areas-data) to get a detailed look at our local area’s performance on issues like transport and housing and help identify what needs improving.

We also understand that, if councils are to go further and faster in addressing the climate crisis, you need more powers and funding, and we want to work with you to make this happen. One way to help achieve this is for your council to support the [Blueprint for accelerating climate action and a green recovery at the local level](https://www.adeptnet.org.uk/sites/default/files/users/adeptadmin1/Blueprint%20for%20a%20green%20recovery_refresh_Dec%202020_4.pdf) which has been developed by local government organisations, academics and NGOs and is already backed by many councils. The Blueprint sets out 5 immediate priorities for a green and fair recovery, calling on national government to give councils the power and resources needed to deliver this. Your council can sign up [here](https://www.adeptnet.org.uk/news-events/climate-change-hub/show-your-support-five-immediate-priorities-green-recovery) if they haven’t already.

**We’re looking forward to working together on a bold and ambitious Climate Action Plan for the area. If there is anything we can do to help you or if you would like to meet up then please do get in touch.**

Yours sincerely

[names of people from the group]

[insert any contact details you’re happy to share]