

Archdeaconry of France

Caring for Creation

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Topics

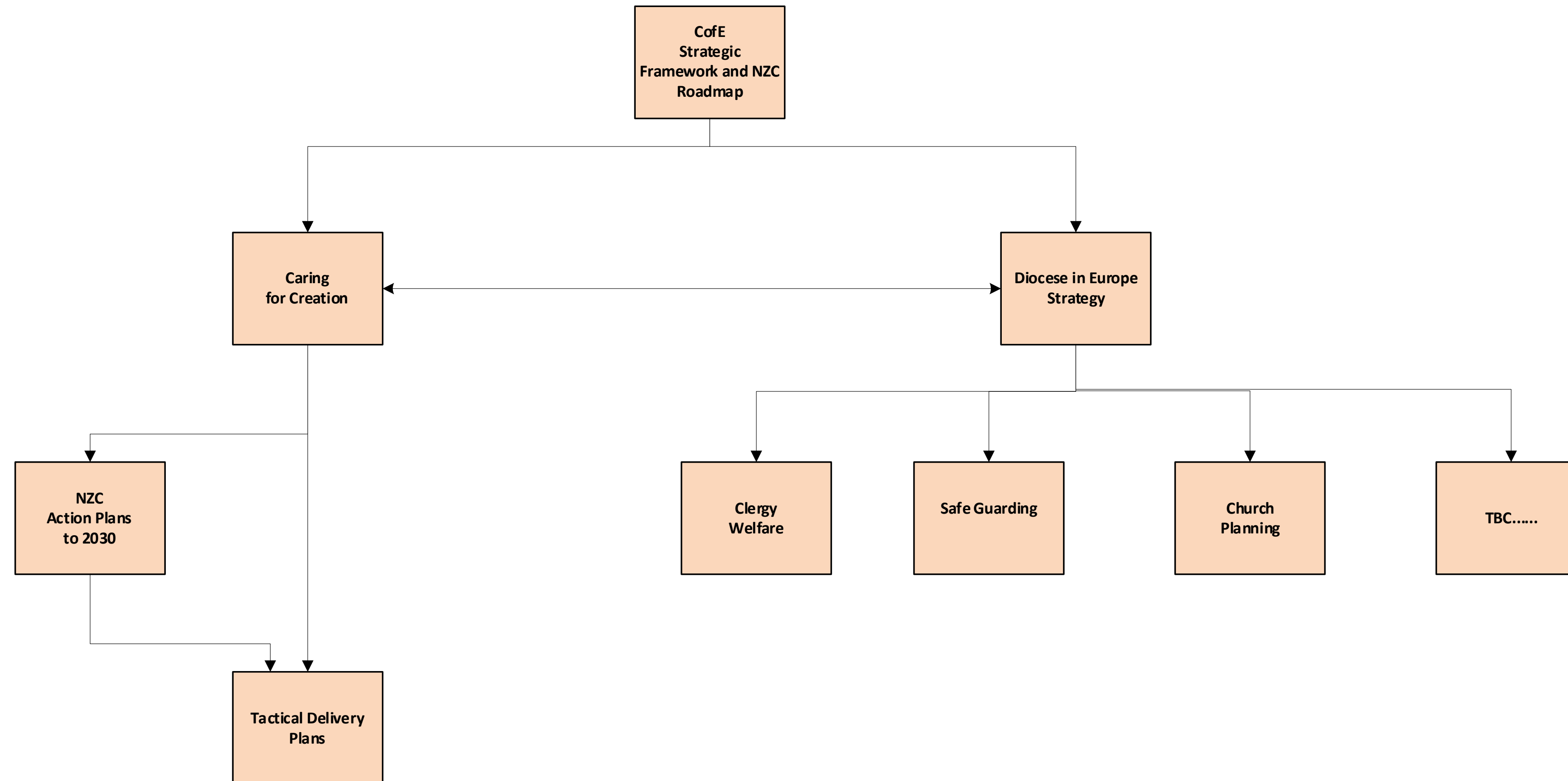
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Strategy Delivery Milestone Dates

- **Winter (Nov=>Jan) – Consultation Phase**
- **Spring (Feb=>May) – Shaping and Development**
- **June – Synod**
 - **Ella – Outline Draft Presentation of the Strategy**
 - **Chris – Presentation of the NZC Footprint and NZC Action Plans (+ Costings)**
- **Summer/ Autumn (Jun=> Oct) – Feedback and Refining Plans**
- **November – Extra-Ordinary Diocesan Synod – Strategy Approval**
- **December – Bid for Funds to Deliver**
- **Q1 2027 – Launch Delivery Programme**

Planning Structure



Tactical Plans for 2026 – The June Synod! (1)

- **Carbon Foot Print and Update Environmental Plan**

- Use Carbon360 as the Basis to Create/ Model a "Scientifically Based" Carbon Footprint for the Diocese (Mar 2026)
- Enhance the Environmental Plan to include the RoadMap to Net Zero including Annual Targets (May 2026)
- Produce Costings so that we Have a Fully Costed Programme of Work out to 5 Years (May 2026)
- Introduce Dashboards into Reporting to improve Understanding (Feb 2026)



- **Secure Funding for the Next Triennium**

- Secure Capacity Building Grant Funding to Support the Core Net Zero Activities for (2026-2028 (June 2029)) (Jan 2026)
- Secure Bids for the Quick Wins, Energy Audits, Demonstrator Buildings/ Churches and other Funding Streams from the NZCP (Dec 2026=>)
- Enhanced Role for the Diocese Funding Officer (Commence Jan 2026)
- Identify Funding Sources to Target to Fund The Costed Programme Down to A Chaplaincy Level (May 2026=>)

- **Building The Caring for Creation (C4C) Programme**

- Establishing Link Environment Officers across The Chaplaincies (Apr 2026)
- Agree Programme of Activity for C4C Group for 2026 and Publish (Jan 2026)
- Improving Information Access and Sharing (Ongoing)
- Training, Events, Webinars, and Support for The Programme (Ongoing)
- Eco Diocese Progression towards Silver (Dec 2026 Milestone)
- Continued Focus Through the C4C Group and Building/ Supporting Relationships with Other Bodies (Ongoing)



Tactical Plans for 2026 – The June Synod! (2)


























- **Deliver**

- Quick Wins:
 - Complete 2025 Projects (May 2026)
 - Invite and Down Select Bids for 2026 Programme (Feb 2026)
 - Administer 2026 Programme of Work
- Energy Audits:
 - Complete Pilot Programme (May 2026)
 - Identify and Agree Programme for 2026 based on Available Funding (Feb 2026)
 - Deliver 2026 Energy Audits (Dec 2026)
- Demonstrator House:
 - Complete Voorschoten (
- Demonstrator Church:
 - Complete Tenerife North (TBA)



Diocesan Synod Report Updates (January 2026)

Milestone	Status	Progress from 2024
1.1 Provide an annual carbon emissions report to Diocesan Synod	Partially fulfilled	More travel data available 
1.2 Provide a costed plan to carbon net zero to Diocesan Synod, including detail on changes required	Not fulfilled	No progress on costing what is required to meet NZC target 
1.3 Update and implement a communication strategy to churches in Diocese	Partially fulfilled	NZC Communication strategy finalised. Implementation ongoing 
1.4 Survey of Diocese clergy property to include energy-relevant questions and property retro-fitting plan	Partially fulfilled	30 in-scope residential properties included in diocesan database ³ . Retro-fit plan developed for one clergy house. 
1.5 Diocesan offices measure and report on carbon emissions, and develop and implement net-zero carbon plans	Partially fulfilled	Travel emissions calculated for Diocesan office staff, and Diocesan Synod 
1.6a DBF expenses policy updated to encourage sustainable transport options	Fulfilled	Revised policy approved by Finance Committee March 2024
1.6b Diocesan Travel plan developed – leading to 50% reduction in travel footprint of Diocesan Synod by 2026 compared to 2023	Not fulfilled	Not yet started. 
1.7a Seek (financial) resourcing opportunities for supporting activities in DiE towards net zero carbon via a NZC Fundraising Strategy, including fundraising officer.	Partially fulfilled	£ 265,850 grant funding obtained. Further £86,000 possible as follow on to an existing project 
1.7b Identify country-level expertise and human resources / tools available to support chaplaincies towards net zero carbon	Partially fulfilled	A professional energy auditor has been identified who will coordinate energy audits throughout DinE 
1.8 Diocesan training programme to support C4C measures, including trainings relevant to DiE context	Not fulfilled	
1.9 Diocese in Europe achieves EcoDiocese Silver award. Diocesan offices achieve EcoChurch Silver award.	Not fulfilled	EcoChurch registrations and awards are increasing. 
1.10 Development of a Diocese-wide network of LEOs / AEOs/ C4C volunteers with active participation in CoE net zero carbon/environment network	Partially fulfilled	Still 2 AEOs needed. DinE active in CoFE NZC and DEO networks. 
1.11 Report on progress against national route map as required	Fulfilled	All reporting submitted as requested. 
2.1 All churches / clergy which are able to choose their own provider move to 100% electricity renewable tariff if available	Partially fulfilled	17 chaplaincies (out of the 69 with responsibility for buildings) have reported that they have done this. 
2.2 Chaplaincies measure and report annual energy consumption and carbon emissions (premises, accommodation, offices & travel) supported by webinars and advice. (Target : by 2026 reporting shows year on year decrease in travel & energy emissions in every archdeaconry)	Partially fulfilled	40+ chaplaincies registered for 360Carbon and calculating their carbon footprint. 
2.3 All churches with competence over their buildings review lighting systems and install energy efficient lighting ⁴	Partially fulfilled	35 chaplaincies (out of the 69 with responsibility for buildings) have reported that they have done this. 
2.4 Chaplaincies make net-zero carbon plans, supported by webinars and advice. (Target 50% chaplaincies have a plan by 2026, 30 energy audits by 2025, with 10 key projects costed, 5 renovation projects completed by 2026)	Partially fulfilled	7 chaplaincies have reported that they have action plans. 10 chaplaincies have reported that they have undertaken energy audits. 
2.5 Chaplaincies engage with EcoChurch/Eglise Verte award programme; register, review requirements, make and implement action plan for relevant target level, supported by advice and webinars. (Target 100% registered by 2025, 40% bronze and15% silver by 2026)	Partially fulfilled	64 congregations are registered, 12 have a Bronze award, 8 have a Silver award.  In addition, one chaplaincy is known to be registered for Eglise Verte.
2.6 All chaplaincies appoint an LEO and inform AEO/ Diocesan Net Zero Officer to link to Diocesan network	Partially fulfilled	35 chaplaincies have reported that they have an LEO and/or an environment group. 
3.1Establish network of chaplaincy climate/env contacts in each archdeaconry, including mentoring e.g. with EcoChurch award holders supporting other chaplaincies.	Not fulfilled	
3.2 Annual induction/training day for chaplaincy climate/env contacts	Not fulfilled	
3.3 Care for Creation session on each Archdeaconry Synod agenda	Fulfilled	To be maintained annually. 
3.4 Each Archdeaconry appoints and supports an Archdeaconry Environment Officer	Partially fulfilled	3 areas do not have Environment Officers in place ⁵ . 
3.5 Continued support and follow-up of chaplaincies for actions towards carbon reduction	Partially fulfilled	Quick Wins and other grants have provided some support to chaplaincies. 3 chaplaincies involved in pilot energy audits. 

The Eco Diocese Journey

How Are We Doing?

Criteria	Target	Our Status	Achieving Goal in 2026
Ownership	Commissioned a group (e.g. Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)) or working group to coordinate and progress Eco Diocese	C4C Group is in place and working with Diocesan Secretary, and Bishops Council to progress	
Relevant Church House/Diocesan Office award	Achieve silver award for Church House/Diocesan Office and promote an understanding amongst all staff of Eco Diocese goals.	We are covered by the Church House accreditation. Regular and developing Communications go out. There is a web site presence. Key Roles appointed. Training being developed	
Eco Church awards	40% of local churches registered 30% of local churches awarded 10% of local churches awarded silver or higher	38% (64) local churches registered 7% (12) local churches awarded 5% (8) local churches awarded silver or higher	
Land	N/A	N/A	
Training and development	Environmental training is included in standard diocesan training for both lay and ordained ministry, and there are opportunities for training and development for other regional staff/volunteers	Training material is already in place and with more being developed to support the Environmental Programme. A portfolio of evidence needs to be built	
Schools and education	N/A	N/A	
Carbon reduction	Agreed carbon reduction targets and developed an action plan to get there	The Action Plan and targets are being worked by the Net Zero Officer and are due for release at the end of 2025	
Finance and investments	All diocesan funds are invested in line with ethical principles consistent with good environmental, social and corporate governance	There are not any major issues or risks to flag at this stage that would prevent us from achieving the standard.	
Collaboration	Work with partner church groups both locally and internationally to raise mutual awareness in regard to climate change and species loss mitigation and resilience measures	Need to build the portfolio of evidence for this	
Celebrating Creation	Regular and substantial presence of environmental issues on the diocesan website and through wider communication channels.	In place and continues to be developed	

The Care 4 Creation Group and Where to Find Help

- **Draws Together Representation from across The Archdeaconries Together with Diocesan Officers in Communications and Net Zero, plus Subject Matter Experts**
- **Focus is on supporting the delivery of the C4C Policy:**
 - Net Zero Carbon and the Milestones of the Net Zero Carbon Programme
 - Eco Diocese Silver
 - Net Zero is part of the Churches Environmental Mission
- **Communication**
 - Shared Learning
 - Supporting and Developing Dialogues
- **Supporting Mission**
- **Looking for Opportunities to support progress for the Chaplaincies and with the C4C Policy**
- **A Growing Strategic Focus**
- **Chris Lynch and Zélie Peppiette are your Two Key Contacts**
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Where to Find Funding for Your Projects

- **The Funding Officer**

- National Programme Focus
- Applied for National Programme Funding to support extension of Role

- **Inputs (What do you Need to Do?)**

- Your Carbon data entered through the Carbon360 Tool (a prerequisite for a lot of Grant Funding)
- Energy Audits
- Action Plans targeted to Reduce the Carbon Footprint but also look at how it supports Mission, Community, and Cost Reduction

- **Building a Portfolio of Funding Sources (Working with you!)**

- We categorise Projects by Scale from Small through to Major Projects
- Grant Management
 - Sources
 - Matching the scale of your projects
 - Developing your Church Business Cases
 - Supporting your Bids for Funding



Any Questions

