

23/ 24 Priorities

As part of the Climate Progress Report, presented to Cabinet in September 2022, a series of priorities were set for 2022/23. Progress has been widely positive and elements with a challenging timeline will rollover into the updated prioritisation programme for 2023/24 and reported on in the next cycle.

- A. To improve carbon reporting, introduction of a toolkit to accurately record and monitor emissions to ensure robust data availability.
- B. Development of a GHG emissions trajectory tool which will calculate the annual carbon reductions that are required to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.
- C. Develop toolkits to estimate the residual carbon emissions (carbon emissions that cannot be mitigated).
- D. To develop a formalised net zero carbon reduction plan, define key milestones and carbon reduction measures (in priority order) on a rolling programme through to 2030.
- E. Enhance our online content to provide consistent sustainability messaging, providing proactive guidance to residents and businesses.
- F. To develop an internal Climate & Ecological governance structure, embedding climate informed decision making (2023-25)
- G. To embed and measure performance against ambitious targets in our decision-making.
- H. To ensure that our suppliers reflect our drive to reduce environmental impact and engage with our partners to deliver positive action on climate change.
- I. To engage and collaborate on environmental issues with schools.
- J. To engage and collaborate on environmental issues with communities, and businesses.
- K. To commence work on the Council's climate adaptation strategy in light of the importance of the growing threat from extreme weather.
- L. To progress work on identifying opportunities for electricity generation.
- M. To develop an internal Climate sustainability training programme for staff and it is built into induction for new starters.
- N. Amplify and share our learnings and collaborate to generate insight and innovation.
- O. To stay informed, actively participate in numerous programmes to ensure the Council are part of the national climate conversation and are tracking progress against the latest developments.

Overall Progress



Manageable challenges, on track to delivery priorities.

Nine Strategic Objective Dependencies

- C1 Community Leadership
- C2 The Council's Own Operations
- C3 Building Better Places
- C4 Using and Producing Clean and Green Energy
- C5 Waste Management
- C6 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- C7 Carbon Offsetting
- C8 Sustainable Transportation
- C9 Transparency, Communication and Reporting

Six Corporate Commitments

1. To lead and inspire our residents, businesses, and schools to reduce their own carbon emissions.
2. To become 'Carbon-Neutral' by 2030.
3. To achieve 100% clean electricity across the council's services by 2030.
4. To raise awareness and develop the potential of young people to respond to the challenge of the climate emergency.
5. To enhance opportunities for biodiversity across the borough and particularly in urban areas.
6. To remain open to the opportunity to go further, to be innovative and creative to exceed the stated goals wherever possible.