

# CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRESS REPORT

Committee name	Residents' Services Select Committee
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Papers with report	Strategic Climate Action Plan – Progress Report 24/25
Ward	All

## HEADLINES

In January 2020 the Council declared:

*that there is a current global emergency and, as a consequence, agrees to extend the Council's climate change targets beyond those currently set, as follows:*

*To become carbon neutral across the Council services by 2030 and;  
To achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's services by 2030.*

The 2025 Progress Report (covering 2024/25) provides updated performance data and priorities following the full review which was developed in 2024 and adopted in Spring 2025. It evidences continued reductions across the corporate carbon footprint and outlines actions for 2025/26.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Residents' Services Select Committee:**

1. Notes the content of the Progress Report

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Progress Report covers work undertaken in 2024/25 and publishes the latest available carbon data. It also embeds the outcomes of the 2025 Strategic Climate Action Plan Review.

**Performance Summary (Corporate Carbon Footprint – all static sources):**

Year	tCO2
2019/20 (baseline)	6428
2022/23	4506
2023/24	4363
2024/25	3949

Uxbridge Civic Centre – Carbon Reduction: Emissions decreased from approximately 1,586 tCO2

to 1,042 tCO2 ( $\approx$ 34% reduction) over five years. Further reductions are anticipated through ongoing Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) works, including heat pump deployment, controls and fabric improvements.

## **Fleet Emissions Monitoring and Reporting**

Fleet operations remain a significant source of emissions. The Council is establishing systems during 2025/26 to capture detailed fleet emissions data across waste collection, grounds maintenance and other services. Total indicative mileage recorded for core categories in 2024/25 was c2.97 million miles.

## **Carbon Offsetting and Non-operational Assets**

PSDS: Funding secured for priority sites (e.g., Highgrove and Hillingdon Leisure Centres) enabling investment in energy efficiency and low-carbon technologies. Savings at these non-operational assets contribute to borough-wide reductions and can offset residual emissions. Tree Canopy and Sequestration: Borough-wide sequestration is estimated at  $\sim$ 7,342 tCO2 per annum, including  $\sim$ 3,108 tCO2 from Council-owned land. This natural capital significantly exceeds the Council's current operational footprint and underpins the Borough's net-positive contribution.

## **PERFORMANCE DATA**

The Strategic Climate Action Plan is subject to a full annual review with the specific carbon neutral targets linked to data on energy usage.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT**

The Progress Report provides for an important analysis of performance against the Strategic Climate Action Plan. It allows for the identification of priorities, or where greater focus is required in order to meet the ambitious climate change objectives all of which are aiming to put residents first.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no financial cost in setting out the Progress Report but invariably some of the work and priorities have financial implications either through project delivery or energy savings which result in cost benefits for the public purse.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The production of the Progress Report is a non-statutory function.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil.

## **APPENDICES**

Strategic Climate Action Plan: Progress Report 2025.  
Hillingdon Carbon Report for Trees