

Manchester City Council - Climate Change Action Plan - Work Plan 2022-23

Introduction

This document describes the actions to be progressed in Year 3 of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25. The achievements and highlights of Year 2 are detailed in the Annual Report 2021-22 which is available on the Council's website.

The work plan is accurate at the time of publication but may be subject to change during delivery - actions may be brought forward or delayed due to external factors such as funding opportunities. Also, a refresh of the Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 is underway, which will be completed in Autumn 2022 and will align the CCAP to wider strategies, such as the Local Plan. The Council is committed to maintaining transparency and will continue to publish quarterly progress reports on its website.

Workstream 1: Buildings & Energy

- Continue to deliver the Estates Carbon Reduction Programme funded by MCC's own resources and UK Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS)
- Progress the Large-Scale Renewable Energy Generation project
- Develop a housing retrofit programme for Council housing stock
- Work with Manchester Housing Providers Partnership (MHPP) and their Zero Carbon Working Group to develop a programme of work to retrofit social housing properties
- Continue to explore funding opportunities for further energy efficiency, retrofitting and green energy programmes
- Review and respond to the recommendations in the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) and coordinate LAEP work with Greater Manchester partners

Workstream 2: Travel & Transport

- Produce guidance for the use of sustainable materials within Highways
- Continue the replacement of the Council's operational fleet with electric vehicles or alternatives e.g., eCargo bikes
- Monitor the use of the eCargo bikes deployed across the Council services
- Implement the new Staff Travel Policy
- Develop and implement incentives and support to encourage sustainable commuting for Council staff
- Continue to deliver the City Centre Transport Strategy in collaboration with TfGM and Salford City Council
- Explore investment and opportunities to increase accessibility to electric vehicle charging infrastructure across Manchester
- Continue to improve the network of walking and cycling infrastructure across the city

Workstream 3: Consumption Based Emissions and Supply Chain

- Develop and implement a monitoring framework to measure the impact of the 10% weighting for the environment, which takes the total social value weighting to 30% as standard across procurement contracts
- Develop and deliver a plan for the reduction of Single Use Plastics (SUPs) across council operations and supply chain, including:
 - Estates and markets

- Packaging from goods procured by the Council
- Events on Council-owned land (including events delivered or funded by the Council and third-party organised events)
- Influencing others through licencing (e.g., contracts across Markets and Parks)
- Develop and implement the plan for sustainable events (including a reduction in SUPs) across the City, through the use of the Sustainable Events Guides
- Research and explore other viable opportunities to reduce carbon emissions from events held on Council-owned land
- Share MCC's Supplier Toolkit and the learning with GMCA and city partners to develop a city region approach, which supports suppliers to reduce carbon emissions
- Work with the secretariat of the Manchester Food Board (MFB) to identify climate actions for the Council to implement, influence and support (e.g., through Council policies and procurement) supporting the MFB's climate priorities
- Explore further opportunities within Waste Services to reduce waste and carbon emissions across the Council's operational estates and the city

Workstream 4: Climate Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration

- Deliver the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Continue to implement the Manchester Tree Action Plan and use the results from the Managing Manchester Trees report to inform planting sites, species and improving the maintenance
- Collect planting data from partners for November 2022 to March 2023 planting season and report on progress
- Use the learning from the Horizon 2020 GrowGreen project to inform green and blue infrastructure across the city
 - Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the nature-based solutions implemented in the West Gorton Community Park, in partnership with the University of Manchester
- Improve biodiversity through the implementation of a four-week mowing schedule as standard across all green spaces with more frequent maintenance as required across recreational areas
- Identify funding opportunities to support future tree planting programmes from November 2022 to March 2025 and resource to manage the programme
- Explore methods to implement a consistent approach for Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) within highways schemes

Workstream 5: Catalysing Change and Behaviour Change

- Deliver Carbon Literacy training to 35% of staff and all members, to work towards achieving Gold Carbon Literacy Accreditation by March 2025 (which is 50% of the workforce, circa 3,500 staff)
- Explore service requirements across the Council, to develop and deliver a work programme of advanced bespoke Carbon Literacy training to further embed carbon literacy into business-as-usual ways of working
- Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Carbon Literacy training

- Explore, develop and embed carbon accounting tools to support financial decision-making processes
- Establish a working group to explore financial models to enable the identification of funding and investment sources to advance key areas of the action plan
- Embed zero carbon as a Council priority within new and updated policies and strategies
- Ensure the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) and Culture grant programmes for the period 2023-2026 positively address climate change
- Engage with young people, residents and communities across Manchester on climate change, supported by the Climate Change Neighbourhood Officers, by:
 - Developing, coordinating and delivering a diverse and impactful programme of local climate change events across the neighbourhoods
 - Support the delivery of the climate actions within the 32 Ward Plans
 - Develop and implement a monitoring framework to measure the impact of the climate actions within the 32 Ward Plans
 - Support the delivery of the Manchester Climate Change Agency's (MCCA) #InOurNature community engagement programme
- Tell the Council's story of positive climate action through website content, social media and the press
- Align the Zero Carbon Communications Strategy with wider communications across the council e.g., Waste and Recycling, green and blue infrastructure, active travel, and neighbourhoods
- Support the MCCA by continuing to fund existing posts
- Continue to support the Manchester Climate Change Partnership and the Oxford Road Corridor Board through Council representation, to engage and influence Manchester stakeholders to achieve zero carbon by 2038
- Work with schools and education settings across the city to support them to develop and deliver actions to reduce their carbon emissions e.g., the Bee Green Conference
- Continue to work with the GMCA and stakeholders to deliver the greatest impact for the City's climate change action plan
- Participate in international networks and projects to identify and develop best practice around climate change
- Deliver and implement the updated Work & Skills Strategy and Green Skills action plan to create a skills system that supports the city's zero carbon ambition. Work with schools to support labour market intelligence.