

Manchester City Council - Climate Change Action Plan - Work Plan 2021/22

Introduction

This document describes the actions to be progressed in Year 2 of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25. The achievements and highlights of Year 1 are detailed in the Annual Report 2020-21 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 COVID-19. The Council is committed to maintaining transparency and will continue to publish quarterly progress reports on its website.

Workstream 1 Buildings & Energy:

- Complete Phase 1 of the Estates Carbon Reduction Programme which started in 2020 and is investing £6.3m in energy efficiency measures and renewable energy generation across 11 Council buildings to generate around 1,300 tonnes of CO₂ savings. (*Action 1.1*)
- Deliver Phase 2 of the Estates Carbon Reduction Programme which is funded by the Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) and will deliver energy efficiency measures in 12 Council buildings via an investment of £19.1m and will deliver an estimated 1,800 tonnes of CO₂ savings. (*Action 1.1*)
- Review the findings of the feasibility study on large scale renewable energy generation and further investigate options for such activity to deliver a significant element of the targeted CO₂ savings by 2025. (*Action 1.4*)
- Complete construction and procurement for the heat and power to enable buildings to be connected to the Civic Quarter Heat Network and provide estimated 1,600 tonnes of CO₂ savings. (*Action 1.6*)
- Develop a housing retrofit programme for Council (previously Northwards) housing stock based on the estimated cost provided by external consultants. (*Action 1.7*)
- Complete the £7.8m Social Housing Decarbonisation Scheme with One Manchester on Grey Mare Lane and work with other social housing providers to support further bids for additional sources of funding. Site work to start on the new Newton Heath housing development early 2022. (*Action 1.8*)
- Support the completion of a Local Area Energy Plan for Manchester in partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Energy Systems Catapult. (*Action 1.10*)
- Establish a methodology to account for the carbon implications of the disposal or leasing of land to a third party. (*Action 1.11*)
- Complete consultation on policy directions for the Local Plan. (*Action 1.12*)

Workstream 2: Travel & Transport

- Receive and deploy the remaining electric refuse collection vehicles (eRCVs) which are estimated to deliver savings of 900 tonnes of CO₂ per year. (*Action 2.1*)
- Continue the replacement of the Council's operational fleet with electric vehicles to provide estimated annual savings of 400 tonnes of CO₂. (*Action 2.2*)
- Develop and adopt a sustainable travel policy for officers and members to deliver estimated 100 tonnes of CO₂ savings per year. (*Action 2.3*)
- Continue to improve the network of walking and cycling infrastructure across the city with an initial investment of over £25m, and ongoing work to secure further funding, allowing completion of key routes and consultation on further schemes. (*Action 2.4*)

- Continue to collaborate with Transport for Greater Manchester and Salford City Council to implement actions and projects in the City Centre Transport Strategy, including working to secure long-term funding through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. (*Action 2.6*)
- Develop and implement incentives and support to encourage sustainable commuting for Council staff. (*Action 2.8*)

Workstream 3: Consumption Based Emissions and Supply Chain

- Roll out the 10% environmental weighting in the Council's procurement process across those contracts being renewed or newly let in this period. (*Action 3.1*)
- Assess progress in the reduction of Single Use Plastics by suppliers and cleaning services across the Council's estate and cafes to identify additional changes. (*Action 3.3*)
- Work with traders to ensure that good practice to eliminate Single Use Plastics is reintroduced as markets reopen and assess the progress to eliminate Single Use Plastics by changing the markets' cleaning and waste services. (*Action 3.3*)
- Assess where and how Single Use Plastics and other packaging material across the Council's supply chain can be reduced. (*Action 3.3*)
- Update and launch a new Council Supplier and Commissioner Toolkit to support the application and delivery of the environmental weighting. As a member of the Manchester Climate Change Partnership (MCCP), review the baseline research undertaken by the University of Manchester and develop a plan for a citywide Supplier Toolkit. (*Action 3.4*)
- Continue to embed Single Use Plastic restrictions within licencing terms for the renewal of existing and new vendor contracts across Markets and Parks during this period. (*Action 3.5*)
- Encourage a reduction in Single Use Plastics at Council events, and events held on Council-owned land through rollout of the Sustainable Events Guides and Single Use Plastic Free guidance. (*Action 3.5*)
- Develop a good understanding of the Manchester Food Boards' priorities, raise awareness of the Council's Our Manchester Food Partnership, and produce an action plan for the Partnership. (*Action 3.6*)

Workstream 4: Climate Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration

- Continue to implement the Manchester Tree Action Plan including identifying sites for the November 2021 to March 2022 planting season, complete planting, and report on progress. (*Action 4.1*)
- Collect planting data from partners for November 2021 to March 2022 planting season and report on progress. (*Action 4.1*)
- Continue to monitor levels of community usage and the effectiveness of the nature-based solutions implemented in the West Gorton Community Park, in partnership with the University of Manchester. (*Action 4.2*)
- Consider the findings of the 'Evolution of Treescape' report for future green planning and develop a work plan to support this. (*Action 4.3*)
- Identify funding opportunities for future tree planting programmes in November 2022 to March 2025. (*Action 4.4*)

Workstream 5: Catalysing Change and Behaviour Change

- Develop a programme to achieve Gold Carbon Literacy Accreditation by March 2025. (*Action 5.1*)

- Identify how climate change considerations can be considered more effectively in our decision-making processes, aligned with the 'Future Shape of the Council' programme. *(Action 5.3)*
- Undertake a review of the Capital budget approval and governance processes and implement recommendations to ensure future decision-making is aligned with zero carbon ambitions. *(Action 5.3)*
- Build climate change ambitions into the future rounds of grant programmes for the Culture and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sectors. *(Action 5.3)*
- Appoint three new Climate Change Neighbourhood Officers to support the delivery of climate action across all 32 wards. *(Action 5.4)*
- Deliver a work programme following on from the Youth Climate Summit events in 2019 and 2020, to support engagement with young people via schools and youth groups, followed by the launch of Climate Wheel. *(Action 5.4)*
- Collaborate with the Age-Friendly Board to identify opportunities for specific communications on climate action for over 50's. *(Action 5.4)*
- Work in partnership with Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA) to deliver a citywide programme of community engagement activities including a 15-month Climate Resilient Communities programme ('In Our Nature') and launch a 2-year project in partnership with the University of Manchester as funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. *(Action 5.4)*
- Assess the effectiveness of the public-facing communications campaign and revisit the wider strategy on encouraging positive climate action. *(Action 5.5)*
- Tell the Council's story of positive climate action through website content, social media and the press. *(Action 5.5)*
- Create a structure for the Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA) that is efficient and fit for purpose, by Manchester City Council underwriting the funds for senior posts and supporting the recruitment of vacant positions. *(Action 5.6)*
- Continue to support the Manchester Climate Change Partnership to engage and influence Manchester stakeholders. *(Action 5.7)*
- Support knowledge and capacity building for climate action within school buildings. *(Action 5.8)*
- Continue ongoing action to influence key Greater Manchester organisations to decarbonise and promote sustainable behaviour, through Council representation at partner meetings. *(Action 5.9)*
- Work in partnership at a local and national level to ensure that Manchester has a visible presence at the COP26 climate change conference in November 2021. *(Action 5.10)*
- Continue to work with MCCA to actively engage with international partners and participate in the delivery of international projects including Zero Carbon Cities and GrowGreen. *(Action 5.11)*
- Refresh the Green Skills Framework to create a skills system that supports the city's zero carbon ambition. Work with schools to support labour market intelligence. *(Action 5.12)*