

City Centre wards Climate Action Plan 2022-2024 v1

Manchester Zero Carbon Priorities

Manchester will become a zero-carbon city by 2038

- All wards will identify residents and partners who want to be actively involved in achieving the zero-carbon target.
- All ward plans will contain specific, measurable, achievable steps for local climate action.
- We will work with and exert our influence on as many organisations and individuals as possible in the way services are designed, delivered and communicated and create opportunities to encourage and support partners and residents to play a key role in achieving the city's climate change objectives.

Neighbourhood Teams Priorities

- We will build resilience in and celebrate neighbourhoods by taking actions to build the capacity and capability of communities to grow, thrive and face new challenges including diversity and cohesion and the need to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality**
- We will bring services and partners together to **plan, deliver, monitor and evaluate progress** through appropriate place-based governance
- We engage and build relationships with groups and **ensure ward and neighbourhood priorities are reflective of the needs of all communities within an area.**

City Centre priorities

1. Community engagement: supporting resident led climate change activity; building knowledge & capacity.
2. Children & Young People
3. Green & Blue Infrastructure: nature, green spaces & routes
4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
5. Transport, Active Travel & Cleaner Air
6. Homes, Buildings & Energy



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Partners and stakeholders

- Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA)
- TfGM
- CityCo
- Housing providers
- Building managers
- Business community
- City centre residents and employees
- National Trust
- MLCO & Health Partners
- Canal and River Trust
- MCC Services
- Cultural partners
- Network Rail

Key strategies, programmes and policies

- Climate Change Action Plan Zero Carbon Manchester (MCC)
- Our Manchester Strategy
- Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan
- Manchester's Great Outdoors (Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy)
- Manchester Tree Strategy

Specific to the ward:

- Housing Providers Carbon Reduction Programmes
- City Centre Ward Plan
- City Centre Neighbourhood Plan

Resources

- 15 Actions for residents and businesses – [15 actions \(manchesterclimate.com\)](https://manchesterclimate.com)
- Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF)
- Climate Fresk workshops

Specific to the ward:

- NQAG In Our Nature group
- Friends of Parks groups
- Clean and Green groups
- Resident groups
- Social value and volunteer offers
- Active Travel schemes and activation



Priority 1: Community engagement: supporting resident led climate change activity; building knowledge & capacity.

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
1. Facilitate 2 climate Fresk events or other engagement activities for residents and businesses	MCC NT		Q4 23/24	No of events No of participants	
2. Use NIF (and other funding streams) to encourage resident-led activity that addresses climate related issues	MCC NT,	Housing providers	Q4 22/23	No. of events/initiatives supported	
3. Use the sustainable events guide & require NIF beneficiaries to use it.	MCC	All	Q4 23/24	No. of groups/organisations using the guide	
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Priority 2: Children & Young People

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
1. Promote & support climate change activity in Chethams School of Music and encourage eco-school status.	MCC, Chethams School of Music	Ecoschools	Qtr 4 23/24	No of schools in ecoschool programme	
2. Engage with new school provider to develop a green travel plan for staff, pupils, visitors etc	MCC (Education & NT)		Qtr 4 23/24	Green travel plan produced	
3. Work with the Manchester Craft and Design Centre to host a child-focused event with sustainability theme	MCDC	MCC	End of 2023		

Priority 3: Green & Blue Infrastructure: nature, green spaces & routes

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
1. Work with the Printworks to re-establish the bee-friendly rooftop garden with group of volunteers.	Printworks, Sow the City	MCC NT, MCRVIP	Qtr4 22/23	Number of volunteers and hours donated	
2. Create more floating gardens in the Bridgewater Basin	MCC	CRT	Qtr4 22/23	Square metres of floating gardens	
3. Identify suitable locations for new street trees which meet funding criteria for Metrolink contribution	MCC	Tree provider	End of 2023	Confirmed no. of tree locations	
4. NQAG to secure space to create new rooftop growing area	NQAG	MCC	Qtr 4 23/24		

Priority 4: Reduce, reuse & recycle

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
1. Engage building managers and residents in actions to increase their recycling levels in apartment blocks	MCC	Building managers, residents WRSC Team Biffa	Qtr 4 23/24	No of BMs engaged Increase in number of recycling container collections	
2. Increase the number of large events not using single-use plastics	MCC	To be confirmed	Qtr 4 23/24	No of events converting to reusable cup service	
3. Offer tours of the recycling plant – ward partners, frontline staff, community groups	MCC	Suez	Qtr 4 23/24	No of people attending visits	
4. Hold city centre event to promote low carbon products, plant-based food, refill food/toiletries, etc	MCC	To be confirmed	End of 2023	No of stalls No of visitors	
5. Promote the 3 Rs to our residents and city centre visitors	MCC			tbc	

Priority 5: Transport, Active Travel & Cleaner Air

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
1. Hold Clean Air Day event – June 2023	MCC NT	TfGM, MCDC, CRT	End of 2023		
2. Promote anti-idling messages through action days and raising awareness in the Stevenson Square area.	MCC		Q4 23/24	No of engagements with drivers No of signs installed	
3. Encourage use of Beryl bikes by engaging with residents, city centre workers and employers	MCC	Cityco, TfGM	End of 2023	No. of events / engagements with employers etc	
4. Active Travel Strategy implementation – details to be confirmed	MCC	tbc	tbc	tbc	
5. Promote active travel. Promote walking and cycling routes in the city centre.	MCC	TfGM	On going		Created a walking map (electronic and hard copy) that has been distributed to residents and key partners. Cycling map is in production.

Priority 6:Homes & Energy

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress:
1. Promote energy saving options for the home which also reduce carbon footprint	MCC	Building Managers, residents	Qtr 4 23/24	Number of initiatives promoted	
2. Engage building managers in discussions about their management practices and potential to reduce carbon footprint	MCC	Building Managers, residents	Qtr 4 23/24	No of BMs engaged	
3. Follow up with GMCC if businesses are interested in community energy generation.	GMCC	Manchester business community	Qtr 4 22/23		