

Manchester City Council - Climate Change Action Plan - Work Programme 2023-24

Introduction

This document describes the actions to be progressed in Year 4 of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25. The achievements and highlights of Year 3 will be detailed in the Annual Report 2022-23 which will be presented to the Council's Executive Committee in September 2023 and made available on the Council's website after this date.

The 2023-24 CCAP Work Programme is accurate at the time of publication but may be subject to change during the year as actions may be brought forward or delayed due to external factors such as funding opportunities. The Council is committed to maintaining transparency and will continue to publish quarterly progress reports on its website ([Quarterly Progress Reports](#) | [Zero Carbon Manchester](#) | [Manchester City Council](#)).

Workstream 1: Buildings & Energy

Council Actions

- Progress the Large-Scale Renewable Energy Generation project through the procurement of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- Continue to deliver the Estates Carbon Reduction Programme using funding secured from MCC's own resources, UK Government and European funding (Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and ERDF Unlocking Clean Energy)
- Develop and deliver a housing retrofit and investment plan for the Council's social housing stock, incorporating the development of skills
- Continue progressing work to connect the Town Hall to the Manchester Energy Network

City Actions

- Continue to develop the Local Plan for Manchester, with a period of consultation to be held towards the end of 2023
- Deliver an approach to housing retrofit with Manchester Housing Providers Partnership
- Develop and deliver a plan in response to the recommendations in the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP), coordinating with wider Greater Manchester authorities and partners

Workstream 2: Travel & Transport

Council Actions

- Develop a business plan for the remaining 50% of the refuse collection vehicles to continue to decarbonise the Council's fleet

- Produce a sustainable materials list that identifies carbon and whole life costs for Highways
- Continue to embed the Staff Travel Policy across the Council via communication and promotion of schemes, active travel workshops, engagement with services and monitor progress

City Actions

- Refresh the Manchester Local Implementation Plan, to set out Manchester's priorities for delivering the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, working with GMCA, TfGM, other Local Authorities and Government on projects (including preparations for High Speed 2 (HS2) and Northern Powerhouse Rail, Metrolink expansion and tram-train options, bus reform, the Clean Air Zone and Active Travel) and revised mode shift targets
- Deliver the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy and assess investment requirements, link with the Local Area Energy Plan and Local Plan
- Deliver the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan (MATSSIP) by working on funding bids and scheme development to ensure MATSSIP aims and objectives are realised
- Deliver the Council's Air Quality Action Plan, ensuring alignment to the GM Clean Air Plan

Workstream 3: Consumption Based Emissions and Supply Chain

Council Actions

- Continue to implement the 10% environmental weighting within the social value element of the tender process to influence suppliers and develop a monitoring framework to measure and track the emissions from goods and services procured
- Deliver actions to eradicate avoidable single use plastics across the Council
- Ongoing delivery of the Sustainable Events plan, with a focus this year on engagement and data collection across key impact areas: Energy, Travel, Waste, Food & Drink and Water
- Reviewing waste and recycling collections across MCC operational estates, Markets and Events to identify opportunities for emissions reductions

City Actions

- Embed and enforce trader operating requirements across Parks and Markets to eradicate avoidable single use plastics
- Work with the Secretariat of the Manchester Food Board to develop and adopt a Sustainable Food Policy that aligns with the climate change priorities of the Manchester Food Board, including producing a supplementary Food Standards Policy for Manchester's schools

Workstream 4: Climate Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration

Council Actions

- Refresh and deliver the Tree Action Plan based on the findings of Managing Manchester's Trees report and identify funding opportunities to support delivery
- Explore increasing nature-based solutions (NBS) across the city. Implementing where feasible the MCC Highways Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Developer Design Guidance and associated Standard Details. Documenting lessons learnt and continuing to assess what works well in the Manchester environment in terms of SuDS design and trialling new green technologies, products and materials associated with SuDS
- Deliver the MCC Parks department's Climate Change Action Plan
- Delivery of the Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy and revised Implementation Plan and the Biodiversity Strategy

City Actions

- Increasing the quantity of appropriate trees and hedgerows across the city, using the Tree Opportunity Mapping assessment to identify planting locations

Workstream 5: Catalysing Change and Behaviour Change

Council Actions

- Continue to deliver a programme of work to achieve Gold Carbon Literacy Accreditation by March 2025 and additional training to fully embed the Council's Zero Carbon ambition across Council services
- Continue to embed zero carbon ambitions into Council decision-making
- Continue delivery of the Finance and Investment work programme, to identify and develop financial models for investing in decarbonisation and climate change projects across the city

City Actions

- MCC to continue to lead by example in its commitment to taking action on climate change across all areas of the Council and showing leadership across the city with residents and external partners
- Continue to actively engage residents (including young people) and communities to tackle climate change, including implementing ward action plans and continuing to work with Manchester Climate Change Agency and other partners to deliver the 'In Our Nature' programme
- Continue to tell the Council's story of positive climate action through website content, social media and the press, and align the Zero Carbon Communications work with wider communications across the council e.g., waste and recycling, green and blue infrastructure, active travel, and neighbourhoods

- With Manchester Climate Change Agency jointly develop and deliver a citywide communications campaign during autumn 2023
- Work with the Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Manchester Climate Change Agency to deliver the [Manchester Climate Change Framework 2022 Update](#) and specifically those actions the Council can support delivery of via the use of all available levers to accelerate decarbonisation across the city
- Deliver MCC Education service's Climate Change Strategic Action Plan 2022-2024, to support and engage education providers to embed climate change into their operations and education settings
- MCC to continue to engage with partners across Greater Manchester, nationally and internationally to share best practice, influence climate action and lobby UK Government for support and policy changes
- Deliver the Green Skills Plan developed from the refreshed Work & Skills Strategy with a focus on retrofit skills, promotion of opportunities and engaging with young people via education providers