



# Ward Climate Change Action Plan

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# What is this plan for?

In Manchester, we have a bold ambition to be **Zero Carbon** by 2038 and the City Council is working in many ways to achieve this goal

This journey will be challenging and will need to involve everybody who lives in, works in and visits Manchester.

To know if we are on track, our partner organisation Manchester Climate Change Agency are tasked with reporting on progress for the city as a whole. You can read the latest [Climate Change Framework 2022 update here](#).

The actions we are taking to reduce the City Council's direct carbon emissions are outlined in our [Climate Change Action Plan](#).

**Although Zero Carbon is a city-wide ambition, action needs to be taken on the ground at the local level. This is where the ward Climate Change Action Plans come in**

Each ward plan provides a **framework for local actions** that MCC Neighbourhood Teams are working on. These actions are aimed at engaging communities on the issue of climate change while working closely with our partner organisations.

The focus is on **communication, learning and action** to support and encourage residents, businesses, groups and individuals to act alongside us to reduce their carbon impact at a local level.

We will update and report on the actions in each plan on at least an annual basis. **We want and need to work together on the journey to Zero Carbon.** Get in touch if you want to get involved.

Not heard of Zero Carbon? [Find out more here - Zero Carbon Manchester](#)

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- **Demographics** (using census data Council website )
  - [Census results 2021 | Census and population | Manchester City Council](#)
- **Location** (map of your ward)
- **Carbon footprint** (When available - To be produced by Tyndall as part of ION Programme)
- **Councillors**
- **Key delivery partners**
- **Contact email for your NT** (*see final page for details*)

# Structure

## **Ward Climate Change Action Plans are separated into seven themes:**

1. Nature & biodiversity
2. Children & young people (including Schools)
3. Transport, active travel and air quality
4. Things we buy, use and throw away
5. Food
6. Homes and energy efficiency
7. Engagement, raising awareness and influencing change

# Nature and Biodiversity

Across the UK, biodiversity is on the decline - here in Manchester some areas have abundant nature while others are seriously lacking. We want to limit the decline and do what we can to enhance existing green spaces in our city. To do this we have recently released our [Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy](#). This covers the whole city and sets demanding goals for us. There is still plenty that can be done at the local-level, and this is where our Climate Change Action Plans come in.

## Overarching Aims

- Work with all stakeholders to enhance & promote existing green spaces, easily accessible routes, alleyways, promoting nature-based solutions & other approaches to carbon reduction
- Support residents & Friends Groups for parks & green spaces

## Ward-specific objectives



# Children & Young People

We are committed to ensuring young people are empowered and supported to take climate change action at every level. In Manchester, 56.5% of residents are 34 years old and under. As such, Manchester is working to obtain recognition as a [UNICEF Child Friendly City](#). Young people of Manchester have come together produce a [manifesto](#) for climate action.

## Aims

- We will work with partner organisations and local stakeholders to support young people to take leading roles in climate change projects
- We will work alongside and support schools, youth centres, youth councils and youth groups to ensure young people can take action in their local communities

## Ward-specific objectives



# Transport, Active Travel & Air Quality

Emissions from transport make up around a quarter of Manchester's carbon emissions. We need to change the way we travel - prioritising active travel (e.g. walking, cycling & wheeling) and public transport, particularly for short trips. TfGM have recently announced their [Active Travel Mission](#) for the whole of Greater Manchester.

At Manchester City Council, we have a new [Active Travel Strategy](#) and an [EV charging strategy](#). Although we have these high-level ambitions in place, action can and needs to happen on the ground at local level.

## Aims

- We will promote and support initiatives which aim to encourage active travel
- We will share the benefits of travelling less where possible and work with partners internally and externally to promote active travel

## Ward-specific objectives



# Things we buy, use and throw away

Our consumption of goods has an impact on the environment. The recent Framework Update dedicated sections on consumption emissions and how to reduce them - [you can read more about this here.](#)

The message is clear - if we **buy less and reuse and recycle more**, the resulting emissions during manufacturing processes and landfill will be reduced.

What local activities can you and your neighbourhood do? Whether it's opting for sustainable fashion choices, reusing furniture or recycling electrical goods - everyone has a role to play.

## Aims

- Share recycling information and advice
- Ensure neighbourhood events and activities minimise single use plastics
- Encourage repair and reuse
- Support local business

## Ward-specific objectives





# Food

Food is a part of everyone's daily life. But just like everything else we buy, our food and drink choices have a knock-on impact on the environment. The [most recent Framework update](#) showed that food can make up to 20% of our total carbon footprint and so to achieve Zero Carbon we must reduce our impact in this area.

The main things we can all do is **reduce food waste, grow and eat local and seasonal foods** plus **reduce consumption of carbon-intensive foods**. We know we need to do this, and we can all help make it happen.

## Aims

- Encourage projects and campaigns that seek to reduce food waste and increase access to locally grown foods
- Help food growing initiatives across the city to thrive

## Ward-specific objectives



# Homes and Energy Efficiency

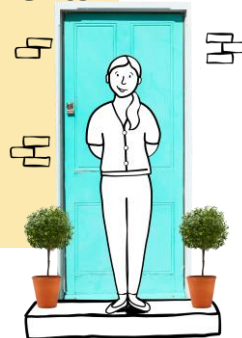
We as council have a commitment to reduce our own CO2 emissions relating to buildings we own & to ensure all future building in the city is as close to Zero Carbon as possible. You can find out more about what we are doing at a city-wide level in our [Housing strategy](#). Alongside this, **everyone can do something within their home to reduce carbon emissions & adapt to the impacts of climate change by reducing energy use, switching to a green energy provider, using less water, or greening their garden.** No matter how small, every little helps – and it could save you money too.

## Aims

- Raise awareness of ways residents can make changes in the home that will reduce their carbon footprint & help adapt to the impacts of climate change
- Identify & promote any opportunities which might support the community to take action

## Ward-specific objectives

- X number of LED lightbulbs issued to residents by the end of the year
- Host at least one event in the year focused on energy efficiency/ Ensure ee advice is available at events inc via invited partners/ orgs



# Engagement and Influencing Change

With our sights set firmly on achieving Zero Carbon, it's crucial that everyone plays their part, this is outlined in the latest [Framework update](#). The Ward CCAP provides a locally focussed Plan of action with a 'bottom up' approach to delivery to compliment the city-wide actions. In addition to showing what is being achieved, we hope the Plan will also act as a Call to Action to increase the scale of activity. It is also important that we communicate the scale and urgency of the issue at hand to ensure everyone in the city is taking the journey to Zero Carbon together - We can achieve more by working together.

## Aims

- Participate as widely as possible in opportunities for engagement
- Communicate the scale of the challenge with communities and outline what role we can all play
- Empower and support action to reduce emissions whilst increasing resilience

## Ward-specific objectives

- To hold Climate Change event or carry out engagement at ward event. (This *may* include Climate Fresk workshops)
- Promote funding opportunities during the year and provide any relevant support to support the delivery of climate action.

# Partner-led Projects and Activities

Project	Lead partner	Other partners involved	Comments

# How we will measure progress

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Success of the action plan will be measured by whether we achieve the SMART objectives



We will also collect data on all the events, activities and projects that we host, facilitate and support throughout the year

# Want to get involved?

Contact your local Neighbourhood team

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