

Appendix 1 –

Manchester City Council CCAP 2024-25 Work Programme

Introduction

This document describes the actions to be progressed in Year 5 of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25. The achievements and highlights of Year 4 will be detailed in the Annual Report 2023-24 which will be presented to the Council's Executive Committee in September 2024 and made available on the Council's website after this date.

The 2024-25 CCAP Work Programme is presented here to provide a high-level overview of planned actions. More details on the summary of actions contained here will be presented in more detail in future annual and bi-annual reports which will be published on the [Council's website](#) and also in detailed reports to this Committee over the year as set out in this Committee's 2024/25 Work Programme.

The actions are 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.

Workstream 1: Buildings & Energy

Council Actions

- Progress the large-scale Renewable Energy Generation project through the the agreed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- Continued delivery of the MCC Estates Carbon Reduction Programme using funding secured from MCC's own resources and UK Government funding
- Deliver housing retrofit 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
- Develop appropriate actions for inclusion in the new MCC CCAP for 2025-30 to ensure that the Council achieves its emissions reduction targets and plays its full part in delivering its Zero Carbon 2038 objectives

City Actions

- Work in partnership with the Manchester Housing Providers Partnership to create a cross tenure retrofit plan
- Develop and update energy policies in the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP), coordinating with wider Greater Manchester authorities and partners

Workstream 2: Travel & Transport

Council Actions

- Continue to assess options to replace other MCC Internal Combustion Engine vehicles with low and zero carbon alternatives within the refuse collection and wider MCC operational fleet as leases expire.
- 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 the Sustainable Travel Guide with communication and promotion of schemes, active travel workshops, engagement with services and monitor progress
- Develop appropriate actions for inclusion in the new MCC CCAP for 2025-30 to ensure that the Council achieves its emissions reduction targets and plays its full part in delivering its Zero Carbon 2038 objectives

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 National Government
- Deliver the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy and assess investment requirements, link with the Local Area Energy Plan and Local Plan. Conduct a refresh of the EV Infrastructure Strategy.
- Deliver the Council's Air Quality Action Plan, ensuring alignment to the GM Clean Air Plan

Workstream 3: Sustainable Consumption

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 monitor emissions from goods and services procured
- Deliver actions outlined within the Single Use Action Plan across the Council to end of 2024 and review further work needed from 2025 onwards.
- Ongoing delivery of the Sustainable Events plan, with a focus this year on taking part in a national project 'Green Events Code Pilot' with ten other Local Authorities to review the role of Councils in driving sustainable event delivery, where 10 Manchester events are taking part. Along with continued engagement and data collection across key impact areas introduced in 2023/24: 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
- Drafting and adoption of an MCC Sustainable Food Policy
- Develop appropriate actions for inclusion in the new MCC CCAP for 2025-30 to ensure that the Council achieves its emissions reduction targets and plays its full part in delivering its Zero Carbon 2038 objectives

City Actions

- Markets continue to enforce trader operating requirements to eradicate avoidable single use plastics. Parks cafe contracts to be in place early 2024/25 which includes requirements to eradicate avoidable single use plastics

Workstream 4: Climate Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration

Council Actions

- Review additional funding opportunities to deliver appropriate tree planting as outlined in the MCC Tree Action Plan
- Delivery of the MCC Parks department's Climate Change Action Plan

- Delivery of the Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy and revised Implementation Plan and the Biodiversity Strategy with a particular focus on biodiversity net gain
- Develop appropriate actions for inclusion in the new MCC CCAP for 2025-30 to ensure that the Council achieves its emissions reduction targets and plays its full part in delivering its Zero Carbon 2038 objectives

City Actions

- Increasing the quantity of appropriate trees and hedgerows across the city, using the Tree Opportunity Mapping assessment to identify planting locations
- Continue to explore increasing nature-based solutions (NBS) across the city and further develop relationships with external stakeholders to provide better opportunity for funding and knowledge sharing.
- Implementing where feasible the MCC Highways Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Developer Design Guidance.
- 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.
- Explore solutions in ensuring the long-term functionality of the SuDS systems and preventing the rapid deterioration of plant and tree health in the city centre, caused by compaction from vehicles and pedestrians.

Workstream 5: Influencing Behaviour & Catalysing Change

Council Actions

- Train the Council's workforce in order to embed the Council's zero carbon ambition across all services. This includes carbon literacy training for 50% of staff by March 2025, achieving Gold Carbon Literacy Accreditation, additional training including Climate Fresk (a collaborative training workshop that aims to increasing understanding of the latest IPCC climate science)
- 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 and a pipeline for investing in decarbonisation and climate change projects across the city
- Develop appropriate actions for inclusion in the new MCC CCAP for 2025-30 to ensure that the Council achieves its emissions reduction targets and plays its full part in delivering its Zero Carbon 2038 objectives

City Actions

- MCC to continue to lead by example in its commitment to acting 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 delivery of refreshed ward climate action plans and continuing to work with Manchester Climate Change Agency and other partners to deliver the 'In Our Nature' programme
- Continue to report on Council actions to take 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
- Launch citywide communications campaign in May 2024, jointly developed by Manchester Climate Change Agency and MCC

- Develop the next Manchester Climate Change Framework, working with the Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Manchester Climate Change Agency, with a specific focus on those actions the Council can support delivery of via the use of all available levers to accelerate decarbonisation across the city
- Refresh and deliver commitments outlined in the MCC Education service's Climate Change Strategic Action Plan
- Support and engage education providers to embed climate change plans 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
- Continue to deliver the refreshed Green Skills Plan developed from the Work & Skills Strategy with a focus on retrofit skills, promotion of opportunities, career guidance and engaging with young people via education providers