

LGA Climate Change Sector Support Programme

ADEPT Board

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Since April 2022

318 out of 333

councils have participated in LGA
Climate Change Improvement
Programme.

This is over 95% of
all councils.

Now in its third year, the [LGA's Sector Support Climate Change Programme](#) helps councils to reach their local carbon reduction and adaption targets.

- Sharing good practice
- Leadership
- Productivity and innovation
- Research and information

Over **59,000** climate change webpage views since April 2021

The Greenhouse Gas Accounting Tool

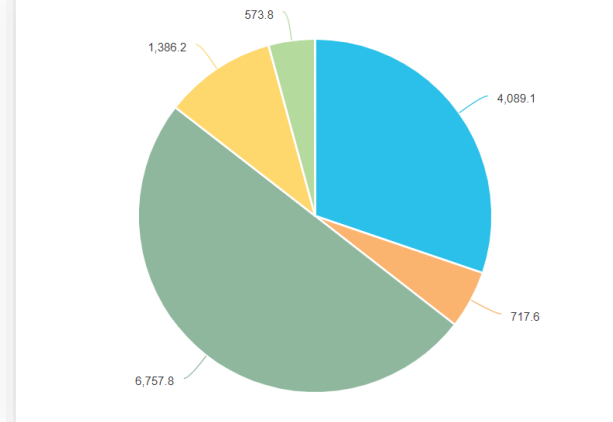
[The tool](#) produces summary tables and charts to help councils understand their most significant sources of emissions, which can then be used to prioritise actions to reduce carbon emissions.

Councils are also able to benchmark their emissions with other councils to understand how their performance compares with their peers using [LG Inform](#).

Recently updated to include Scope 1, 2 and basic Scope 3 emissions.

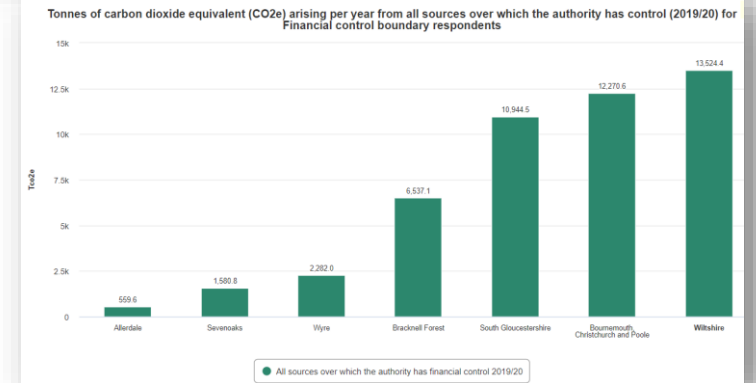
- Free to use for all councils in England and Wales
- Endorsed by the Committee for Climate Change
- LGA working with Local Partnerships

Overall emissions by activity (2019/20) for Wiltshire (financial control boundary)



250 councils have downloaded the tool so far

Comparisons



[Scope 3 greenhouse gas accounting guidance for social care and further scope 3 reporting guidance](#)
[Waste Emissions Calculator](#)

The Green Economy

- As the nation recovers from the devastating impact of COVID 19, the LGA wanted to support a green economic recovery at a local level.
- This in turn would help Local Authorities to play their role in achieving the UK's goal to become carbon zero by 2050.
- Building on the [LGA green jobs report](#), the focus of the project was on creating the local green jobs that are at the heart of this recovery.

Action Learning Sets have been used to support this delivery.

Over 30 councils have participated in the last 12 months

Local green jobs – accelerating a sustainable economic recovery

An Ecuity Consulting report for the Local Government Association (LGA)

Sustainable Development Goal: Decent work and economic growth

Building Housing Retrofit Skills webinar – [blog](#)

Housing Retrofit Action Learning Set

Over six months, 24 officers and councillors from local authorities across England were invited to explore, unpick and address the challenges of retrofitting domestic properties from their perspective.

The focus was on developing the skills required to manage and implement retrofit programmes, including co-ordinating internal and external stakeholders, generating demand from householders, and upskilling suppliers.

Sustainable
Development
Goal:
Affordable and
clean energy

Regional Retrofit Action Plan Training

Delivered through a collaboration between the LGA and [Sustainability West Midlands](#), the Regional Retrofit Action Plan Training, brings together council officers to address retrofit challenges at the local and partnership level.

The training seeks to support the development of council's regional work by exploring how to effectively utilise and support key partners and stakeholders both nationally and regionally, focusing on three key themes:

- Training providers
- Communities
- The Private sector

[LGA LRAP Technical Briefings and Webinar Recordings](#)

Decarbonising Transport Action Learning Sets

Brings together councillors and officers to address decarbonising transport and local transport planning

The Action Learning Sets will aim to provide attendees with ideas on the questions highlighted

Onboarded 31 councils across councillors who hold transport portfolios, or council staff working on decarbonising transport strategy and policy

Blogs from the sessions can be found [here](#) under LGA Resources

- What does effective local leadership of decarbonising transport look like?
- How do we ensure that people are not left in transport poverty?
- What tools can be used to support community engagement?
- How do we ensure a whole council/cross-party approach?

Decarbonising Transport Webinar: 24 Jan 2023

Biodiversity

Biodiversity E-Learning for Councils

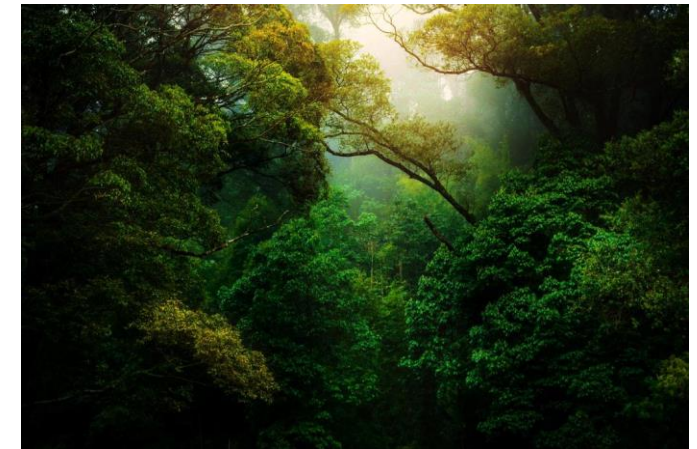
- Launched in Oct 2021 – aligned with the COP15 date
- Provides a broad introduction to biodiversity for all councils
- Help councils to create a biodiversity action plan
- Provide broad oversight of the main areas of action councils can take to protect biodiversity
- Universal support
- Accessible to all council officers and members

Webinar: Place-based leadership for biodiversity

- [Blog](#) available on our website
- Topics: Local engagement, use of data and delivery of natural initiatives



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Behaviour change and the environment

Local Action For Our Environment podcast

The LGA have released a podcast series to provide advice and guidance for council officers and Members looking to engage their local communities on climate change.



Across the United Kingdom, councils are taking urgent actions in their local areas with partners and their local communities to combat the negative impacts of climate change and to deliver net zero carbon by 2050. To help councils reach these targets, the LGA has recorded a new podcast series – Local Action For Our Environment.

This podcast is a training resource for council officers and Members, supporting councils on a local pathway to net zero and enabling them to fight climate change locally with the tools, techniques and know how.

The focus of this series is on the climate crisis and how councils can create meaningful engagement with communities on climate change, enabling local climate action, developing tangible evidence and plans for how they are tackling climate change in their areas.

Hearing from a variety of councils and experts across five episodes, council officers and Members can learn about a range of different techniques which can be deployed to engage with local communities, and how to overcome the challenges which may arise along the way.

Episodes

All episodes in this series are chaired by Councillor Liz Green, a Councillor in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and Vice-Chair of the LGA's Improvement and Innovation Board with lead responsibility for climate change.

You can listen to the episodes below.

- ▼ Episode 1: The climate crisis
- ▼ Episode 2: Public engagement strategy and net zero
- ▼ Episode 3: Public engagement opportunities – inform and educate
- ▼ Episode 4: Public engagement opportunities – collaboration
- ▼ Episode 5: Engaging diverse audiences on climate change

Climate change hub

Information and support on climate change action for councils.

Behaviour change and the environment

Changing behaviours to reduce climate change and protect our environment

Climate change communications

Climate change issues have long been important topics for central government and local authorities. Local authorities are developing tangible evidence and plans for how they are tackling climate change in their areas.

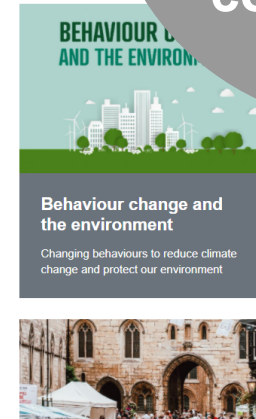
Six steps to undertaking a climate behaviour change project

Looking at the six steps you can take to begin a behaviour change project to tackle climate change in your community.

- ▼ Step 1: Before you do anything else, think precisely about the behaviour that you are trying to change - what, who, where, when, how?
- ▼ Step 2: Understand what is driving the current behaviour
- ▼ Step 3: Choosing your intervention
- ▼ Step 4: I know what is driving the behaviour. I know what intervention types I could use. How do I put them together?
- ▼ Step 5: What happens if you end up with too many options, and you cannot choose between the intervention types?
- ▼ Step 6: How can you measure whether your intervention has worked?

How can we apply this six step guide to our local climate behavioural challenges?

A series of climate change behavioural challenges can be found in this resource. Each will need to be modified for your local behavioural diagnosis and context but they provide a starting point for thinking about the behaviour which you want to change, the questions you may wish to consider in your behavioural diagnosis and examples of interventions to set you well on your way to making local changes.



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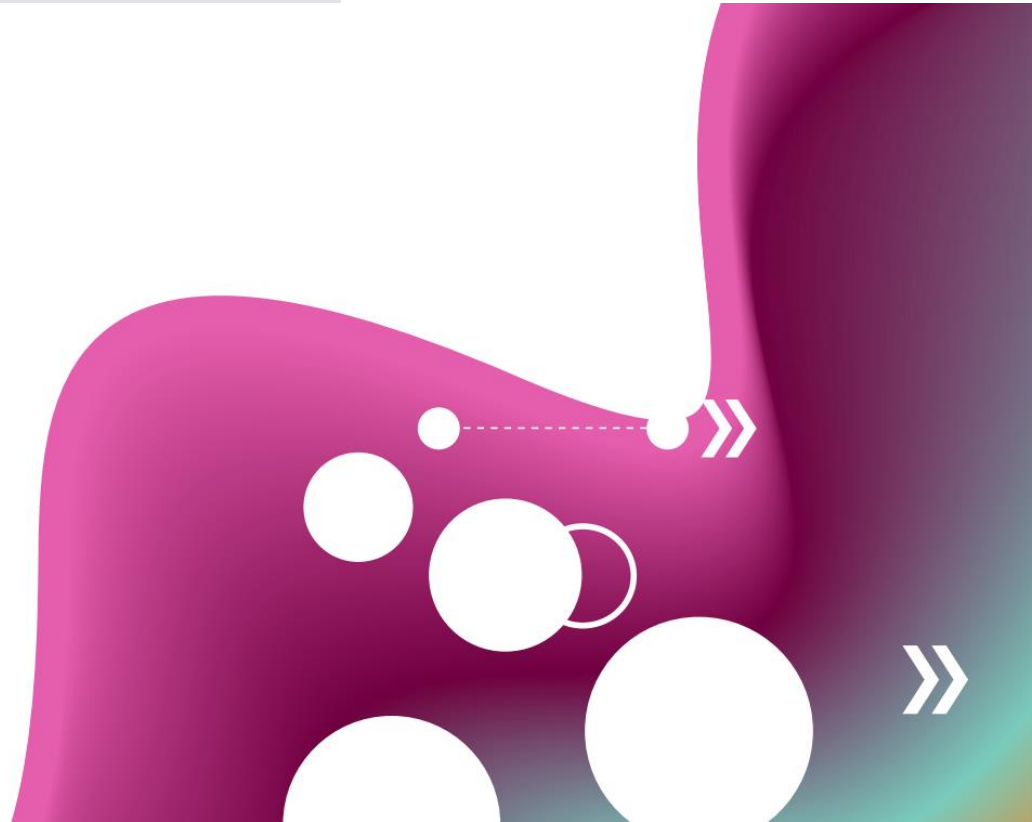
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LGA podcast: Local Action for Our Environment

Sustainable Procurement

Sustainable procurement
Delivering local economic,
social and environmental
priorities

A toolkit for commissioners,
procurement practitioners
and contract managers



Sustainable Procurement Webinar blog online

The Net Zero Innovation Programme

Topics include:

- E-bikes
- Low-energy housing
- Procurement carbon calculator
- Modelling housing retrofit
- Public health
- Community engagement
- Finance community engagement
- Decarbonisation training
- Housing retrofit
- Care home energy efficiency
- Effects of increased home-working
- Supporting schools

The LGA and UCL are delivering the [Net Zero Innovation Programme](#) providing training and project funding to equip councils and universities to work in partnership to help achieve the local carbon reduction goals of councils.



Highly Commended at the COP26 Climate Challenge Cup

Sustainability in Council Services

The Zero Carbon Britain team at the Centre for Alternative Technology is working with the LGA to run the Sustainability in all Policies Innovation Lab, in which we will co-create route maps around key themes to drive climate action across all service areas.

The lab will bring together representatives from a range of councils and service areas.



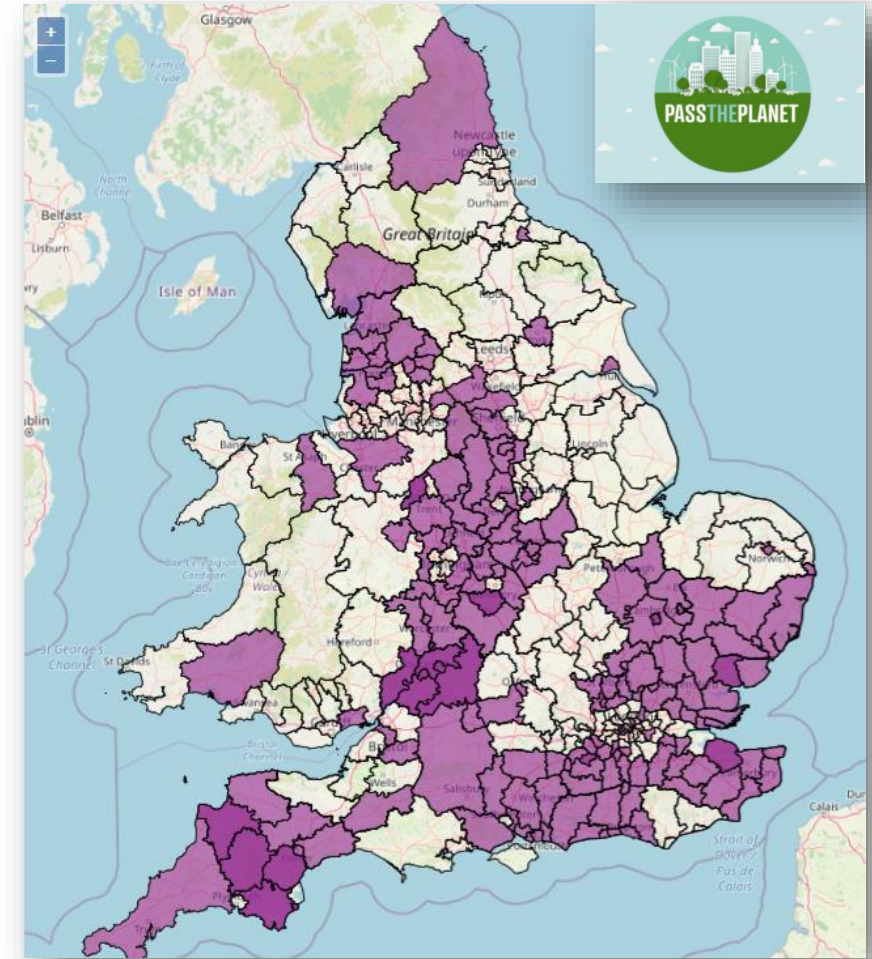
Show and Tell webinar – March 16

Pass the Planet

During COP27, the LGA showcased best practice from councils across England and Wales through our [Pass the Planet](#) campaign.

The campaign page features an interactive map of case studies.

You can submit or update case studies through [this form](#).



Showcasing local climate action webinar blogs online

Networks

LGA Climate Action Group – all officers welcome

Improvement and Innovation Board climate change member working group

The [Climate emergency knowledge hub](#), where councils who have declared a climate emergency, or made any other type of commitment to reduce carbon and improve the environment, share information and experiences


Over 500 people engaged

Website, Climate Change Hub:

[Climate change | Local Government Association](#)

Sign up to our free **monthly** [E-Bulletin](#).

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Climate Change

6 May 2021

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Welcome to the Local Government Association and Local Partnerships Climate Change bulletin 6 May 2021. Please feel free to circulate to your colleagues. If any councils have any of their good practice to feature in future bulletins, please do email us at climate@local.gov.uk

Improvement

Spotlight on South Hams District and West Devon Borough Councils

Following the declaration of a Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency a

Discussion

Have you engaged with this programme of support and if not, would you like to?

What are council's biggest support needs in this space?

How can ADEPT and the LGA collaborate further together?