



London Borough of Enfield

Report Title	Enfield Climate Action Plan 2024
Report to	Culture & Environment Scrutiny Panel
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Cabinet Member	Cllr Ergin Erbil, Leader of the Council Cllr Chinelo Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Culture and Public Spaces Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Transport and Waste Cllr Sabri Ozaydin, Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Placemaking
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Ward(s) affected	All
Classification	Part 1
Reason for exemption	N/a

Purpose of Report

1. To provide an update on the progress of implementation of the Enfield Climate Action Plan 2024, agreed by Cabinet on 12th June 2024.

Main Considerations for the Panel

2. We would like to update the panel on the work being carried out across the council teams highlighting on the progress of the Climate Action Plan 2024 demonstrating the shared responsibility outlined in the Plan.
3. We would like to receive feedback on projects we were able to move forward with in short time showcasing the improved feasibility of the Plan influenced by the comprehensive internal engagement we conducted with the respective teams to understand their priorities, and our ability to monitor progress in reducing carbon toward achieving our targets.

Background and Options

4. As highlighted in the recent report by the International Panel for Climate Change (IPCC), the effects of climate change are unequivocal, widespread, and intensifying, driven primarily by human activity. London, including Enfield is experiencing observable changes such as hotter, drier summers and warmer, wetter winters signalling the urgent need for concerted action.
5. Enfield faces significant climate risks, including extreme heat, drought and flooding. Our borough's vulnerability to flooding is due to the network of watercourses that flow through the borough as well as incapacity of our aging drainage infrastructure. This is exacerbated by urban development encroachment on our green infrastructure and the increasing intensity of rainfall events.
6. Addressing these challenges demands concerted efforts at the local, national and global levels. Acknowledging our responsibility as a major employer and influencer, Enfield Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, committing to:
 - Make Enfield Council a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.
 - Divest the Council from investment in fossil fuel companies.
 - Only use environmentally friendly products where we are able to do so.
 - Make our supply chain carbon neutral through ethical procurement.
 - Work with local partners and communities and positively promote changing behaviours in Enfield to limit activities scientifically linked to climate change.
7. To expedite the implementation of these crucial initiatives the Climate Action Plan has been informed by constructive feedback from local climate change organisations, residents and staff. Continuous engagement with stakeholders will be an ongoing and remain vital to the delivery of these measures.
8. In response, the Council has committed to tackling the climate change emergency and to do this requires a clear strategy with supporting actions.
9. Since published the Climate Action Plan 2024, we:
 - a. Secured funding from the Zero Carbon Accelerator (ZCA) by the GLA for two decarbonisation schemes one for social housing and one schools.
 - b. Kicked-off the Green Mark accreditation pilot for small businesses we will be launching the landing page for businesses to register their interest within the next few weeks. This will be open to small local businesses while we offer funding the process for 15 in this pilot.
 - c. Secured partial funding from the Council's Carbon Compensation Fund for a tool library based in Palmers Green library. We are working with Library services and external stakeholders to raise further funding to deliver the project and exploring alternative models to the Library of Things (LoT) in parallel.

- d. Secured funding from the NLWA and identified two locations to pilot a community-based Repair Café in the borough.
- e. Developing a partnership with the charity TRAIID for textile collections and recycling, including repair workshops and engagement with schools.
- f. Aim to publish our Annual Emissions Review by the end of October 2024.
- g. Secured funding and procured a license to the OnePlanet platform to monitor and report on the progress of the Plan.

Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies

- 10. Our Council Plan 2023-26 sets out our priorities for investing in Enfield to support residents to live happy, healthy and safe lives. Central to this commitment is our priority for *Clean and green places* where we enhance biodiversity and protect green spaces to help Enfield's resilience in the face of a changing climate. We also strive for a more efficient use of resources, to reduce waste and increase recycling, as well as reduce carbon emissions from energy consumption across our buildings and operations.
- 11. In line with the Council's priority for More and better homes by making buildings, that are the key emitters, the CAP undertakes measures to enhance the energy efficiency of buildings, including via high quality new homes and the retrofit of existing, as well as connecting them to sources or renewable and low carbon energy such as the Energetik network.
- 12. Furthermore, the CAP is also aligned with the Council's overarching Blue and Green Strategy, along with the emerging Local Plan and Transport Strategy. This strategic alignment ensures a cohesive approach towards sustainability and climate resilience across all of Enfield's development and infrastructure planning

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Appendices

Appendix A – Enfield's Climate Action Plan 2024

Background Papers

Departmental reference number, if relevant: