

Climate Action Plan Progress 2020, Priorities & Work Programme 2021

Background for ECA OSP
09/02/21



Understanding Emissions

Direct: Council fuel & gas (Scope 1) and electricity (Scope 2) use; mainly corporate buildings.

Indirect / Influence: Emissions from Council related activities; new homes, grid transmission, outsourced services and suppliers (Scope 3).

Borough – Wider energy consumption for domestic, industrial, transport and waste sectors.

Offset – Activities which are carbon positive such as tree planting and direct renewable.

Direct emissions are those that the Council has most control of.

Understanding Our Corporate Journey

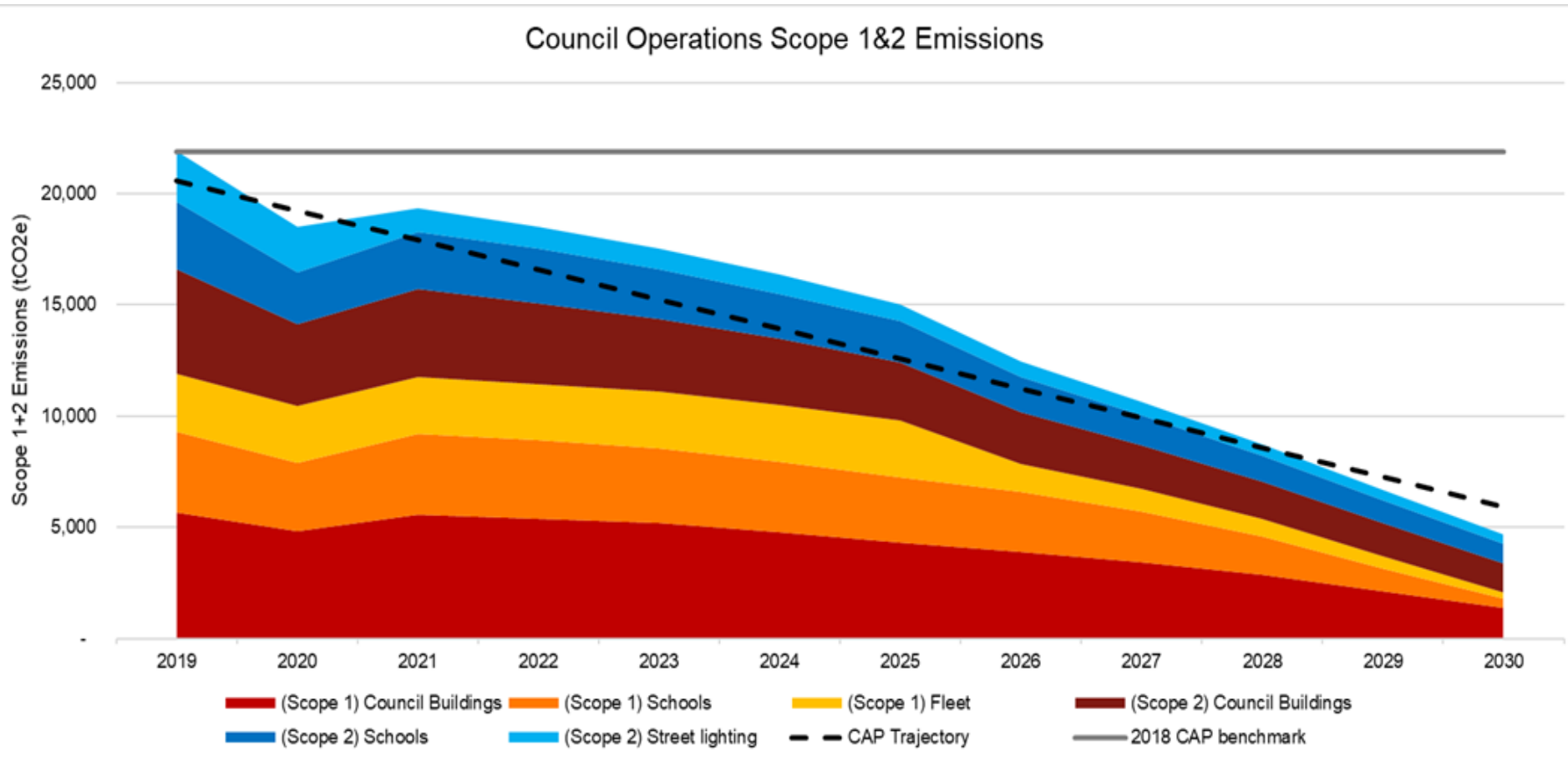


Chart shows initial work to map a trajectory based on Climate Action Plan milestones.

Progress - Strategic

Climate Action Plan (CAP) adopted Aug 2020 - two key net zero targets (Council by 2030, Borough by 2040) with over 100 supporting actions and targets.

Climate action is now a priority in Council Plan and a consideration in corporate reports.

First [review of carbon emissions](#) published:

- Performance not meeting trajectory
- Issues with consistency and quality of data
- High emitters having significant impact.

Progress - Council Operations and Travel

- Procuring 100% renewable electricity for Council supplies two years early
- Moving to lower carbon diesel for vehicle fleet
- Inter-departmental working to develop our 'offer' to schools on climate action
- Supplier engagement and development of sustainable procurement policy
- Street light LED replacement programme
- Delivery of 14 schools streets and programme of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods
- Preparing for delivery of over 60 electric vehicle charging points
- New TfL bus route.

Progress – Buildings, Waste, Energy, Natural

- MW Sustainability Strategy approved and Housing Asset Management Strategy ready
- Joint lead borough for Retrofit London
- Preparing for retrofit of Walbrook House in Edmonton and Energetik pilot in Ponders End
- Council buildings retrofit funding bid (c£4m)
- Recycling and waste communications campaign
- Support for Solar Together and the Big London Energy Switch
- First Chase restoration trees planted and sustainable urban drainage schemes delivered
- Blue Green Strategy consultation.

Progress - Other

- Structures including new Sustainable Buildings Board and Energy Working Group
- Engagement with senior managers and staff
- Data analysis to inform priorities including looking at emissions from schools
- Active membership of strategic organisations and partnerships
- Building up corporate knowledge and capacity.

From a standing start there has been significant progress overall and the building blocks are in place for 2021...

Opportunities in 2021

- International - United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26)
- National - Government's 10 Point Plan, 6th Carbon Budget, Energy White Paper, Funding
- National / Regional – Changes to Building Regulations / New London Plan
- Regional - Delivery of green recovery missions including Retrofit London
- Local – Local Plan development, Blue Green Strategy, etc.
- Local – Climate Action Plan year one progress report.

Risks - mitigations

- Capacity – resources are limited so need to prioritise action
- Communications – identify opportunities for engaging with wider community
- Culture – engage with staff at all levels to deliver climate action
- Delivery – put in place appropriate governance and structures
- Funding – develop pipeline of measures and potential funding sources
- Policy – check national and regional align with Council targets / priorities.

Priority Areas

- Governance and management
- Data and information
- Financing and funding
- Communications, engagement and lobbying
- Supporting staff
- Council buildings
- Renewable generation and sustainable offset
- Schools
- Suppliers
- Housing retrofit
- Low carbon new buildings
- Decarbonising transport.

Climate Action – Top Priorities

Continue to improve data and monitoring

Embed climate action culture

Engage with schools and develop retrofit pilot

Funding for more Council corporate site retrofit

Develop housing retrofit programme

Encourage active and sustainable travel

Secure low carbon new development

Immediate Work (c. Next Three Months)

- Build climate action capacity within the Council and raise profile
- Update emissions data and trajectory
- Emissions focused training for planning, housing and regen teams
- Retrofit London programme action plan development
- Engagement with schools and suppliers
- Review of climate actions and targets - will feed into year one progress report
- Agreeing governance and structures.