

Council Climate Action Scorecards

Results now live!



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Councils control **30%** of
UK net zero transition requirements

How **good**
is your council's
Climate Action?

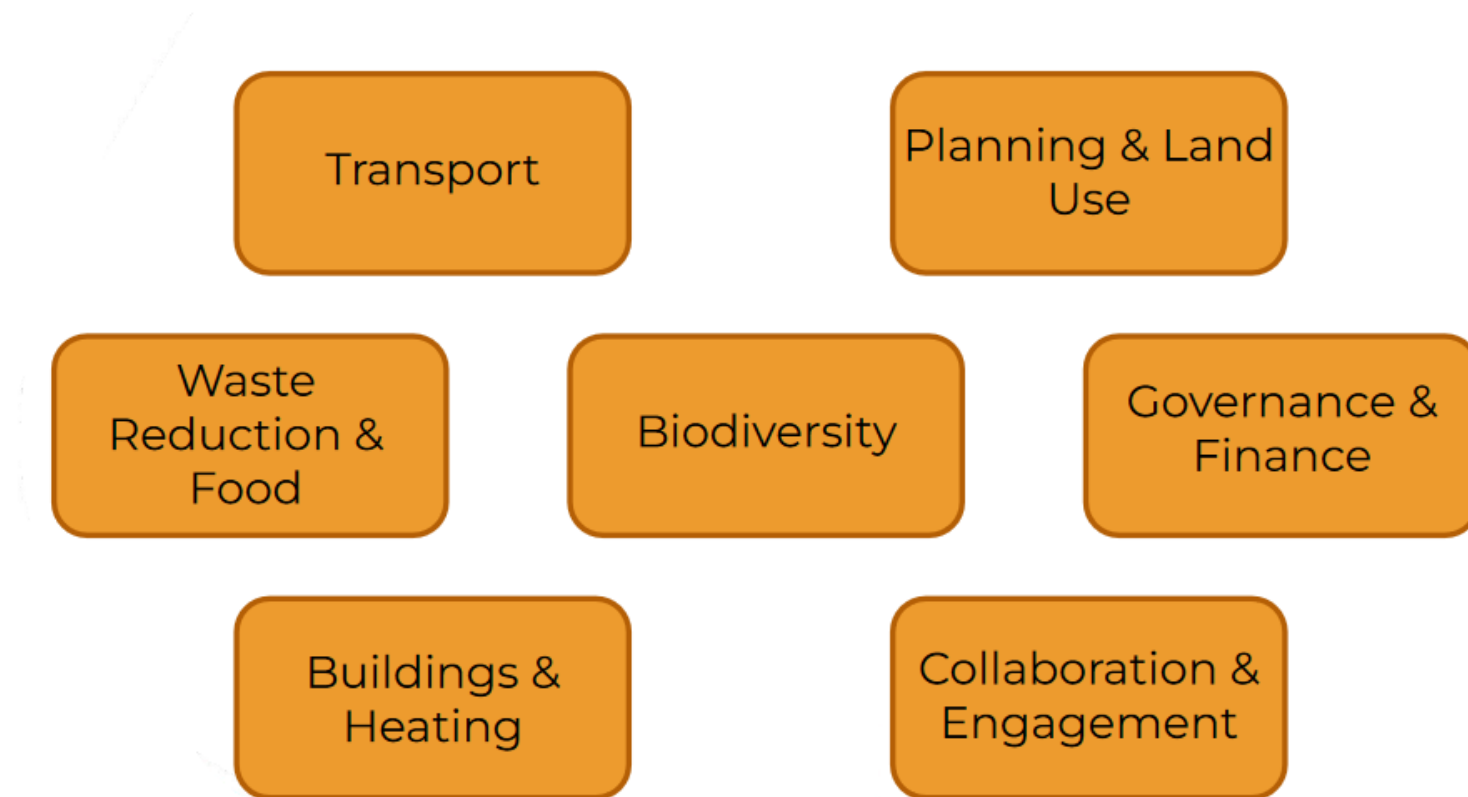
#CouncilClimateScorecards



Check out the
Scorecards to find out!



What were the 7 sections?



Climate Emergency UK assessed all UK councils on the **ACTIONS** they've taken towards net zero.

- The Scorecard assessment consists of 91 questions or less, depending on council type,
- across 7 different sections,
- created in consultation with over 90 different organisations and individuals.
- Each council was marked against these criteria and given a right to reply before the scores underwent a final audit.
- This work was completed between January and August 2023.

- **3 stage consultation**
- **using trained volunteers**

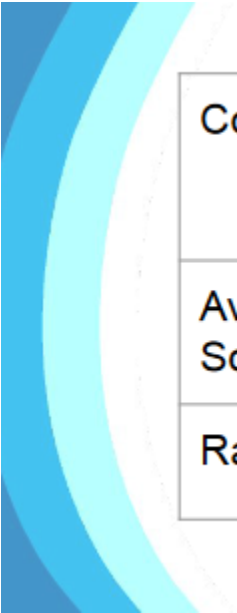
How are councils doing?

- This is the **first ever assessment** of climate action across all UK councils and all council functions
- The majority of UK councils are **underperforming**
- **National barriers** are a key reason for underperformance
- Just **41 councils score 50%** or more
- **Average** score is **32%**
- The average score for **Scottish** councils was **34%**,
- **Welsh and English** councils scored on **32%**
- **Northern Ireland** councils on **21%**.
- Within that, there is a **wide variety** of scores across all council types.
- **No council in Scotland** scored **below 17%**
- **Over 30 councils in England** scored **17% or lower.**

What are the Results?

Council Type	Single Tier	District	County	Northern Ireland	Combined Authority
Average Score	36%	29%	35%	22%	46%
Range	9% - 64%	9% - 62%	11% - 53%	13% - 44%	8% - 66%

How do the UK Regions Compare?



Council Type	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Average Score	32%	30%	34%	22%
Range	9% - 64%	16% - 39%	17% - 58%	13% - 44%

It was possible to have a **negative score** !

- There were 4 penalty marked questions where councils lose marks for actions that increase emissions, such as investing in airports or approving planning permission for oil or gas fields.
- Some of the councils that scored less than 20% overall scored 0% or less in one or more sections.
- In total, 127 councils scored less than zero
- For example, Blackpool and East Cambridgeshire scored less than 0% in Transport.

Give me some good news!

- 36 councils, including Leeds, Cornwall, and the Vale of Glamorgan **score over 80%** in different sections, such as:
 - Planning & Land Use
 - Waste Reduction
 - Food
 - Collaboration and Engagement

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority scored **full marks** in one section, in Buildings and Heating.
- (The only council to score full marks in any section.)

Freedom of Information Requests

- <https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/search/Climate%20Emergency%20UK/all>

And the 'best council' is?

- West Midlands Combined Authority
- Scored 65%
- <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/councils/west-midlands-combined-authority/>

My Own Councils

- East Staffordshire District Council
- Average =43%
- 2021 Plan Score 24%
- 2023 Action Score 24%

- South Lanarkshire Council
- Average=50%
- 2021 Plan Score 44%
- 2023 Action Score 33% (Penalty for Transport 6%)

What Next?

- Share the results with your network and on your social media.
- Write to your local council and local councillors letting them know about the result.
- Write to your local press letting them know the Scorecards results are coming and when the results are published your views on what your councils needs to do to score higher.
- 3 FREE training sessions on How to use the Scorecards. They are on:
 - 23 October: 5:30 - 6:30pm
 - 15 November: 12-1pm
 - 7th December: 5:30 - 6:30pm
- CE UK is running the first ever Local Climate Academy (LCA) .
- 2 courses started in October
- The courses are designed for residents, community campaigners and newly elected councillors.
- The LCA looks at practical actions councils can take and how to overcome barriers to action.
- There is a course fee but if cost is a barrier there are a number of free places.
- See website for more details.