



Glasgow City Council

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee

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Ext:

Glasgow's Climate Plan 2026 - 2030

Purpose of Report:

To provide Committee with the revised Glasgow's Climate Plan 2026-2030 following Consultation.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1) Notes the content of this report.
- 2) Refers Glasgow's Climate Plan 2026-2030 to the City Administration Committee for approval and publication.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 [Glasgow's Climate Plan](#) was unanimously approved by the City Administration Committee [in June 2021](#).
- 1.2 The Climate Plan represents a city-wide approach to addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergency and includes a target for the city to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. The Plan, which was informed by extensive stakeholder engagement, outlines the city's approach and strategic actions towards reaching its stated target, as well as supporting healthy biodiversity and climate resilience.
- 1.3 The Plan set out the city's ambition to reduce emissions through direct mitigation, while also adapting to the impacts of climate change and addressing the ecological emergency, and explore carbon sequestration opportunities, whilst improving quality of life and place for all in the city.
- 1.4 The Plan adopted an iterative approach to ensure it was able to account for the continual changes and advancements in climate change mitigation and adaptation approaches and technology, including a commitment to undertake an annual progress review and provide an update to committee.
- 1.5 The first annual update was presented to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in [September 2022](#), and further updates were provided in [November 2023](#) and [November 2024](#).
- 1.6 [Glasgow's Climate Adaptation Plan](#) was approved by the City Administration Committee [June 2022](#).
- 1.7 Glasgow's Climate Adaptation Plan, a commitment under action 19 within the Climate Plan, set the context for action to adapt to those climate change impacts already observed and those that are projected to come.
- 1.8 The Adaptation Plan sat alongside the Climate Plan to help build capacity of Climate Adaptation and raise the profile of adaptation action in the city. It was informed by extensive stakeholder consultation, the relevant UK Climate projections and trends, recommendations from the Climate and Ecological Emergency working groups, and associated community consultation.
- 1.9 The first annual update was presented to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in [November 2024](#).

2 Progress to Date

- 2.1 A Climate & Sustainability Board chaired by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, and a Sustainability Programme Management Office (PMO) were created to govern and direct the activity in the Climate Plan.

- 2.2 Significant progress has been made in the time since both plans were launched, as detailed in the update presented to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in [November 2024](#) with additional details in the Appendix to that report, and in the updates provided to full Council in [December 2024](#) and [December 2025](#).

3 Climate Plan Review

- 3.1 As reported to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in [November 2023](#), the Climate and Sustainability Board determined that due to influences identified at that time including:

- National Policy
- Global socio-economic and geo-political issues
- External involvement
- Accelerating Climate change
- Resources & Funding
- Governance and progress tracking

that a full review of the Climate Plan was to be undertaken.

- 3.2 A report to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in [April 2025](#) outlined the process for development of a revision.
- 3.3 Significant work was then undertaken to develop this revision through the Net Zero Working Group which includes key stakeholders from across the Council including Transport Strategy, Active Travel, Planning, Housing, Policy, Procurement, Economic Development, Education and Sustainability. These stakeholders were engaged in the revision of actions, and updates were shared with both the Climate and Sustainability Board and the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership.
- 3.4 Following this, a revised Plan was developed. Key revisions from the 2021 Climate Plan have been previously advised to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in [Section 5](#) of the November 2025 report.
- 3.5 The Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee recommended the draft revised Plan to the City Administration Committee in [November 2025](#) for review and consideration of approval to launch a formal consultation and the City Administration Committee approved the launch of a Consultation in [December 2025](#).
- 3.6 Following a formal consultation period detailed in Section 4, further updates were made as summarised in Section 6.
- 3.7 This Committee will refer the Plan to the City Administration Committee for approval and publication.

4. Climate Plan Consultation Engagement

- 4.1. In line with council procedures, the formal consultation was made available online for comment on the Council's consultation webpages and as a hard copy in Exchange House reception upon request for 8 weeks between the 11th of December and the 15th February.
- 4.2. The formal consultation survey consisted of questions addressing both the format and content of Glasgow's Climate Plan and its detailed Action Plan. The Consultation questions can be found in Appendix 1.
- 4.3. A full campaign of wider engagement was delivered during the formal consultation window. These in person sessions enhanced the formal online consultation requirements and broadly fell under 3 categories:
 - Information stalls in public spaces – providing opportunities within public spaces such as shopping centres or train stations.
 - Attending existing events / meetings – for example attending the Community Council Information Session for Community Council leaders.
 - Targeting specific locations / groups – where we know there is an area of interest, such as that stimulated through the Creative Climate Futures community activity or engaging through Glasgow's Pupil Forum.
- 4.4. In line with these 3 categories, during the consultation window we:
 - Engaged directly with over 850 people through external events
 - Held 4 different internal staff sessions
 - Ran 6 workshops with over 200 attendees
 - Worked with 200 young people
- 4.5. These sessions were pre-planned to take place across a wide range of different venues and locations across the city. The public events targeted places where there was high footfall and online sessions were held where requested.
- 4.6. This programme of engagement sessions was supported by a range of media and communications through our social media channels. In addition, information posters and Climate Plan Quick Guides were made available in all libraries and sports centres.
- 4.7. The information gathered through the engagement sessions has been collated and fed into the review of the suite of Climate Plan documents. The outputs from the conversations will also be fed into the delivery of actions under the Communication and Engagement category of action within the revised Climate Plan. Importantly these conversations are a strong starting point for building and supporting climate action across the city.

5. Formal Consultation Feedback

- 5.1. In addition to the wide engagement detailed in Section 4, 223 responses were received through the formal Consultation Survey.
- 5.2. The formal consultation feedback together with the engagement conversations and separate submissions received allowed a broad review of the plan.
- 5.3. 87% of responses indicated a Glasgow City Council postcode area residence with all but G34 represented. 6% were received from other Scottish local authority areas.
- 5.4. 83% of formal respondents were individuals. Of those that chose to provide some demographic data, an overwhelming majority were white and 13% advised they had a physical or mental health condition. In addition, the ages of respondents was wide covering all age ranges.
- 5.5. 38 responses (17%) were from organisations including community councils, education establishments, community groups, private sector and public bodies.
- 5.6. 51% of responses to the question agreed that the plan “**provides a clear and detailed plan for climate action across the city**”.
- 5.7. 60% of responses to the question believed the Plan and Quick Guide were **easy to understand**.
- 5.8. 66% of responses to the question on whether the **wider Benefits helped them understand why climate action is important for everyone to be involved in** agreed.
- 5.9. The most important benefits to respondents were:
 - Reduced Child Poverty
 - Better building conditions for a changing climate, resilient homes and buildings
 - Improved accessibility of public transport
 - Reduced Fuel Poverty
- 5.10. 53% of responses to the question indicated that the defined 11 Categories covered the key priorities for climate action.

6. Changes resulting from the Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1. Through the Consultation survey and wider engagement, the following main themes emerged. These have been incorporated into the new revision:
- 6.2. A small number of new Actions have been developed to:
 - Support and celebrate activity around increased community engagement

- Maximise use of developer contributions for greening the city
- Manage pollution of the River Clyde
- Include Energy Efficiency in plans
- Ensure Just Transition is incorporated in climate impact assessments
- Emphasise food security and waste

6.3. Existing Actions have been enhanced with SMART indicators and targets.

6.4. The Plan has been updated to provide more details of the wider Benefits that can result from Climate Action, especially health benefits for mitigation and adaptation activity.

6.5. The description of Categories has been enhanced with signposting to useful sources of information added where required (e.g. for assistance around the LHEES and retrofit, and with a stronger linkage added between the Built and Natural Environment).

6.6. To assist with clearer reading of the Climate Plan, guidance on how to navigate the document has been included together with hyperlinks to external documents and more definitions added to the helpful Glossary. Where abbreviations have been used these are now also fully defined.

6.7. The document will be available in separate sections for ease of printing with the full Climate Action Plan as a standalone document.

7. Glasgow's Climate Plan 2026 - 2030

7.1. The redrafted Glasgow's Climate Plan 2026 - 2030 is attached as Appendix 2 and the detailed Climate Action Plan is Appendix 3.

7.2. The Plan continues to have a target to become a net zero carbon city by 2030 and also incorporates the aspiration of a city resilient to climate change as previously outlined in the 2022 Adaptation Plan. This plan therefore brings together the ambition and aspiration of both the previous Climate Plan and Adaptation Plan and allows a consistent focus on activities

7.3. Climate as a cross-cutting subject involves work from many different thematic areas, therefore one of the roles of the Climate Plan is to bring together under one umbrella plan, the contributions already committed to in different policies and strategies.

7.4. The Plan sets out how activities will be governed and includes reference to statutory reporting requirements on Glasgow City Council. Further details are included in the Section 6 of the paper to the Net Zero Climate and Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in November 2025.

8. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: There will be financial implications to fund the delivery of the actions proposed in Glasgow's Climate Plan. Funding may be required to support studies and research, support action on the ground, as well as communications and capacity building activities.

Legal: The delivery of this plan strongly supports the requirement to fulfil the Public Bodies Duties on Climate Change under Climate Change (Scotland) Act (2009).

Personnel: There may be resource impacts as actions are developed and passed onto the appropriate areas within the council family for delivery/stewardship.

Procurement: There are likely to be procurement implications associated with actions proposed both for developing guidance and policy and potentially procuring services such as consultancy from academic institutions.

Council Strategic Plan: Glasgow's Climate Plan supports the Council Strategic Plan Grand Challenge 3 "Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow", specifically Mission 2 "Become a net zero carbon city by 2030" and also supports GC3 Mission 1 "Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region", GC2, Mission 1 "Support Glasgow residents into sustainable and fair work", GC2, Mission 2 "Support the growth of an innovative, resilient and net zero carbon economy" and GC4, Mission 1 "Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods".

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify. Yes, the plan aims to ensure that those citizens most vulnerable, due to their socio-economic circumstances or geographical location, are not disproportionately affected by climate impacts or left behind in the transition to a net zero society. An EQIA screening was conducted in

March 2026 and determined no further action was required.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

The action proposed in Climate Plan will deliver positive equality impacts. The Plan aims to address the impacts of climate change and ensure not only that those most vulnerable in our society are not disproportionately disadvantaged by the costs of the transition to a net zero economy, but also that they don't bear the brunt of the impacts of climate change.

The Plan will continue to work towards meaningful engagement with communities in the city, specifically young people, disability groups, women and residents in geographic areas worst affected by flood or overheating who may at times be disproportionately affected by climate impacts or are likely to bear the costs of interventions disproportionately.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

Place Based Climate Action is known to provide multiple wider benefits, it supports action to address environmental loss, improve quality of place, helps to reduce socio economic inequalities, and supporting economic prosperity. The Climate Plan has people and a just transition at its core. It includes wider benefits of climate action.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

Yes. The proposal is a revision to the Climate Plan and continues to support Glasgow's ambition to be a net zero carbon and climate resilient city.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

The potential climate impact is a net-zero carbon city by 2030.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Yes. The Climate Plan focusses on addressing the climate and ecological emergency, supporting the delivery of the 2030 net zero carbon target.

Privacy and Data

Protection Impacts: No data protection or privacy implications

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

9. Recommendations

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