

Appendix 2 Comparison of the CCAP with recommendations for local authorities from *Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget*

This appendix includes a comparison of the CBC actions in the CCAP and the recommendations for local authorities from *Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget* Climate Change Committee (published December 2020). The full document is available from <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/local-authorities-and-the-sixth-carbon-budget/>. The report also makes ten recommendations to central government which are not reproduced here.

CCC Recommendation	CBC implementation
<p>1. Develop Net Zero or Climate Action Plans with delivery projects that prepare the area to make the transition to net zero choices from 2030, and align with climate adaptation, biodiversity net gain and other key local strategies. Include immediate actions that kick-start delivery now and that support low-carbon and green skills and jobs.</p>	<p>Implemented initially via the Climate Change Action Plan. Future implementation will be detailed in the decarbonisation roadmaps (new CCAP Actions 44 and 45) to be implemented in future iterations of the CCAP.</p>
<p>2. Monitor and report on progress in reducing emissions to local communities and government. Where possible share standardised data, benchmark and provide clear evidence to inform policy.</p>	<p>Data is currently incomplete, and not collected in all cases. This is to be improved via new CCAP Action 43 (implement a carbon accounting framework). The CCAP will be reprioritised based on the findings of this (Action 40)</p>
<p>3. Conduct policy and service reviews to align policy, spending and functions with Net Zero. Identify contradictions, then put in place mitigation plans to align them at a future date and reduce emissions in the meantime. Develop project and financial appraisal systems that include emissions and climate impacts.</p>	<p>This is partially implemented through the existing CCAP actions 34 (climate change impact assessment to be addressed in all council decisions) and action 37 (introduce new sustainable procurement conditions for suppliers.) Future development of this work will be informed by the development of new CCAP Actions 40 (review and prioritise), 43 (carbon accounting framework), 44, and 45 (climate neutrality reports).</p>

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<p>4. Implement training and capacity building to deliver Net Zero within the local authority and with key suppliers and contractors. Climate, energy, sustainability and carbon understanding needs to be embedded in the whole authority, across staff and systems. Increasingly specialist skills will be needed around energy systems. Climate change should be central to Elected Member and Senior Director training.</p>	<p>This is being partially implemented through the existing CCAP action 29 (engagement and communication work) and carbon literacy training for elected members is expected to be available post-Covid. Further development of this recommendation will take place under new Action 41 (implement a climate change training programme for elected members and council officers)</p>
<p>5. Develop capacity to innovate and scale up. Climate change action plans help identify future delivery projects for when funding becomes available. Local authorities should prioritise applying for funding and managing funds if successful. This recommendation sits alongside the recommendation to government to implement longer term funding windows, longer periods for funding and flexibility to blend funding streams. It is also backed by a recommendation for more funding for local authorities to act on climate change.</p>	<p>This is to be addressed under the new Action 42 (Capacity Building)</p>
<p>6. Collaborate with neighbouring and cross-tier local authorities and other key delivery bodies on strategies and plans which ensure systems-wide transformation is coherent and supportive of Net Zero. This should include energy, transport, housing, infrastructure and skills. This should enable local authorities to cluster to share skills, expertise, achieve economies of scale and deliver more effectively. Local area energy plans should be conducted at a scale larger than small district councils and with awareness of the wider energy assets in the region.</p>	<p>Cross boundary collaboration is already taking place via Vision Derbyshire, and through CCAP action 35 (work with neighbouring authorities).</p>

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<p>7. Develop Green Finance know-how. Private sector investment and Green Finance will be required to deliver the scale of the change needed. Local authority legal and finance teams, and project delivery teams will need to develop their knowledge of the finance industry.</p>	<p>CBC has been successful in attracting significant sums of money through existing channels (notably existing action 2 in the CCAP) however, we have not been successful in bidding for other funds due to a lack of capacity to write and coordinate bids and manage funding streams and new projects. This is to be addressed under the new Action 42 (Capacity Building)</p>
<p>8. Communicate and engage with local communities, businesses and partners on Net Zero so that a mandate for action is maintained. Support community action with citizens, schools, businesses and other groups. Assess the skills needed locally to deliver the transition, developing green and low carbon jobs and supporting a resilient recovery.</p>	<p>Implemented via the existing commitment to engagement and communication (CCAP actions 29, and 30)</p>
<p>9. Local authority pension funds should disclose their approach to assessing and managing climate risks and should consider investing in Net Zero aligned schemes within their legal duties.</p>	<p>CBC is a member of the Derbyshire LA Pension fund. We have already represented to them that we wish them to divest of fossil fuel backed investments.</p>