

APPENDIX 2

Lewisham Climate Budgeting

1) What is a Climate Budget?

- 1.1) This section provides further detail on the financial implications of delivery of Lewisham's Climate Emergency Action Plan. The analysis has been based on London-wide work to develop good practice on climate budgeting.
- 1.2) A climate budget is a governance process intended to support the implementation of short-term actions and the long-term ambition to reduce the borough's carbon emissions to net zero. The intention is that the climate budget is integrated within the Council's financial reporting and budget setting processes including reporting.
- 1.3) In line with current good practice Lewisham Council is taking a phased approach to climate budgeting, the details of this are set out below.

2) Lewisham's Climate Emergency Action Plan

- 2.1) Lewisham Council first published its Climate Emergency Action Plan in 2020. This Action Plan was informed by an external assessment of the pathways for decarbonisation, which forecast a cost of delivering net zero carbon by 2030 at £1.6bn¹. The technological and practical challenges involved in delivering net zero required the consultants to make a wide range of assumptions and since 2020 the evidence suggests that £1.6bn was likely to be an underestimate.
- 2.2) It is important to recognise that the Council is not under a statutory or any other obligation to deliver net zero carbon and is not required to fund the costs of decarbonising the borough. The Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and published its Action Plan in 2020 in recognition of the need to take significant and sustained action at all levels of society in response to the threat a changing climate has for the borough and in particular our most vulnerable residents. The Council's role in driving that level of action is to show leadership in relation to the emissions we control, work with stakeholders to drive innovation and to seek the resources, powers and know-how needed to put our local ambition into practice. The Council's Action Plan seeks to deliver those outcomes but is not itself a fully costed plan that will on its own achieve net zero carbon in the borough by 2030.
- 2.3) In 2024 Lewisham Council published a revised Climate Emergency Action Plan, updating the original set of actions based on progress locally and in response to the changed policy and delivery landscape that has emerged since 2020.
- 2.4) Progress on Lewisham's Climate Emergency Action Plan is reviewed regularly by the Council's Executive Management Team and through our scrutiny process and is

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<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s72556/Annex%20C%20Routes%20to%20Carbon%20Neutral%20Report.pdf>

reported annually to the Mayor and Cabinet. Details of the Action Plan and annual reporting can be found on the Council's website².

3) Climate budgeting: a phased approach

- 3.1) Calculating the cost and carbon savings of actions can be complex, often requiring detailed technical assessments and reliance on forecasts of the costs of materials and labour as well as carbon intensity that are subject to change over time. In many cases delivery of works requires the alignment of existing resources alongside new funding streams while pressures on public finances mean funding is not available at the level needed to fully decarbonise. One of the primary purposes of climate budgeting is to help identify those funding gaps and support the development of solutions needed to accelerate delivery.
- 3.2) Lewisham's approach to climate budgeting reflects the challenges in quantifying costs, carbon savings and the allocation of resources by taking a phased approach. This is in line with the methods adopted by the Greater London Authority and several other London boroughs.
- 3.3) References below to emission scopes are based on definitions established by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions are a method of defining, measuring and reporting carbon emissions on an organisational or an area basis. Scope 1 covers direct emissions from owned or controlled sources, primarily gas and fuel consumption in vehicles. Scope 2 covers indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity, steam, heating and cooling. Scope 3 includes all other indirect emissions including from an organisational perspective the supply chain for running operations.

Phase I - 24/25 Medium Term Financial Strategy and input into the 25/26 budget setting process

- 3.4) This report will set out the following:
 - Forecast capital expenditure required to decarbonise corporate emissions, including
 - Scope 1 (gas/fuel consumption: corporate buildings, schools, fleet)
 - Scope 2 (electricity consumption: corporate buildings, schools, fleet, streetlighting)
 - Forecast capital expenditure required to decarbonise Council housing stock emissions
 - Summary of revenue expenditure secured/required to deliver Climate Emergency Action Plan

Phase II - 25/26 Medium Term Financial Strategy and input into the 26/27 budget setting process

- 3.5) The intention in 2025/26 will be to extend the reporting above to include:
 - Capital funding secured to decarbonise corporate and Council housing stock emissions
 - the Council's Scope 3 emissions resulting from the procurement of goods and services across the Council's supply chain.

² <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/climate-emergency>

Phase III - 26/27 Medium Term Financial Strategy and input into 27/28 budget

- 3.6 The intention will be from 2026/27 to extend the reporting above to forecast budget requirements by year and include an analysis of expenditure required to decarbonise wider borough emissions.

4) Forecast capital expenditure required to decarbonise emissions from Lewisham Council owned sources

4.1) Table 1 sets out forecast capital expenditure requirements to decarbonise corporate emissions covering the Council's scope 1 and 2 emissions. The total value of forecast capital expenditure is £223m, most of which is unfunded.

Table 1: Lewisham Council forecast capital expenditure requirements to decarbonise corporate operations scopes 1 and 2

| Project | Summary | Cost | Annual CO2 saving | Funded Y/N | Notes |
|---|--|---------|-------------------|------------|---|
| Decarbonisation of the Council's corporate estate | This project is based on Heat Decarbonisation Plans covering 21 corporate operational and office buildings. Delivery is currently through use of external funding such as the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme combined with the Council's ongoing maintenance programme. The scope of works includes heat decarbonisation, fabric improvements, lighting and building services upgrades and renewables. It should be noted there are 870 assets across the Council's non-housing portfolio. | 29.00m | 840 | No | Evidence base for costs and CO2: Heat Decarbonisation Plan funded through the Low Carbon Skills Fund delivered by Ameresco 2022. Works at a value of £3m part-funded by the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund have been delivered at 7 corporate sites since 2021. Funding constraints mean delivery is on a site by site basis based on opportunities to access funding and requirements to replace end of life heating systems. |
| Net Zero Schools Programme | Decarbonisation of the Council's schools' estate. This project involves delivery of a Heat Decarbonisation Plan covering 53 Local Education | 135.00m | 3,956 | No | Evidence base for costs and CO2: Heat Decarbonisation Plan funded through the Low Carbon Skills Fund delivered by Retrofit |

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| | <p>Authority maintained school sites and education facilities. Delivery is currently through the use of external funding such as the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme combined with the Council's Schools Minor Works Programme. The scope of works includes heat decarbonisation, fabric improvements, lighting and building services upgrades and renewables. The heat decarbonisation plan does not cover academies, grant maintained schools, PFIs schools or private sector education facilities in the borough.</p> | | | | <p>Action For Tomorrow 2024.</p> <p>Works at a value of £1m part funded by the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund have been delivered at 3 Lewisham school sites since 2021. Delivery is on a site by site basis based on opportunities to access funding and requirements to replace end of life heating systems.</p> |
| Lewisham Library decarbonisation works | <p>Lewisham Council is refurbishing Lewisham Library as part of wider improvements to Lewisham Town Centre. As part of the wider refurbishment the Library will have non fossil fuel heating and renewables installed alongside fabric, lighting and building service improvements.</p> | 1.60m | 46 | Yes | <p>Evidence base for costs and CO2: Lewisham Library Project Initiation Document 2023 and application for Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 3c 2024</p> <p>Works are due to start on site in autumn 2024 and complete by March 2026.</p> |
| Lewisham Leisure Centres decarbonisation works | <p>This project involves delivery of works set out in a Heat Decarbonisation</p> | 2.70m | 764 | No | <p>Evidence base for costs and CO2: Heat Decarbonisation</p> |

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| | Plan for 4 of Lewisham's Leisure Centres: Glass Mill, Forest Hill Pools, Wavelengths Pool and Ladywell Arena. The scope of works includes heat decarbonisation, fabric improvements, lighting and building services upgrades and renewables. | | | | Plan funded through the Low Carbon Skills Fund delivered by Ameresco 2022. Maintenance and investment in the leisure centre buildings is the responsibility of the Council's current leisure services provider. |
| Refuse Fleet electrification | Retrofit of in-house waste depot, with sub-station, to provide dedicated fleet electric charging points, and to procure a new fleet of waste refuse vehicles. | 50.00m | 1,567 | No | Evidence base for costs: Public Realm initial project development work 2024. CO2 savings based on 80% reduction of fleet emissions. |
| Street lighting | Replacement of current street lighting with LED. | £5m | 674 | No | Evidence base for costs: CO2 savings based on 75% reduction on the Council's 22/23 published street lighting emissions. |

4.2) Table 2 sets out forecast capital expenditure requirements to decarbonise the Council's housing stock of 19,000 homes. The total value of forecast capital expenditure is £425m. The Council is currently completing a stock condition survey. This work will provide a more detailed assessment of the investment requirements across the Council's housing stock and will be used to establish a long-term investment programme. Full decarbonisation of the housing stock will require significant levels of additional funding.

Table 2: Lewisham Council forecast capital expenditure requirement to decarbonise Council housing stock

| Project | Summary | Cost | Annual CO2 saving | Funded Y/N | Notes |
|--|---|---------|-------------------|------------|--|
| Decarbonisation of the Council's housing stock | Decarbonisation of the Council's housing stock of 19,000 homes. This is a programme of work supported through the Council's Housing Retrofit Strategy (draft) and an ongoing stock condition survey. The programme combines external funding including the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund alongside the capital investment programme with a focus on the 32% of properties below EPC C. The scope of works includes heat decarbonisation, fabric improvements, lighting and building services upgrades and renewables. | 425.00m | 28,715 | No | <p>Evidence base for costs: outputs from Portfolio EPC modelling software delivered as part of the Council's Housing Retrofit Strategy 2024.</p> <p>The Council is in the second year of a £9m programme of decarbonisation works part-funded by the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. The works are delivering fabric improvements, lighting upgrades and renewables to 159 properties. The Council's Housing Retrofit Strategy will be completed and published in 2024/25 and a 30-year Investment Programme developed in 2024/25 based on the current stock condition surveys.</p> |

4.3) The combined forecast capital cost of full decarbonisation of the Council's corporate carbon emissions and emissions from the Council's housing stock is £648m. The Council's most recent reported emissions data relating to corporate emissions covers the period 2022/23. Corporate scope 1 and 2 emissions were calculated to be 12,378 tonnes of carbon dioxide (tCO₂e). Emissions from the Council's housing stock were modelled at 35,894 tCO₂e. The combined total of emissions from sources owned by the Council is therefore 48,272 tCO₂e. The Government's data on scope 1 and 2 emissions at a borough level in Lewisham for the same period were 667,808 tCO₂e³. The estimated total cost of £648m relating to the emission sources owned by the Council therefore relates to approximately 7% of the borough's emissions. Paragraph 2.1 above identifies that consultancy work for the Council in 2019 estimated the cost of delivering the ambition to be net zero by 2030 at £1.6bn. Given the further work on the costs of decarbonising emissions from Council owned sources this figure is highly likely to underestimate the scale of investment needed.

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-national-statistics>

5) Summary of revenue expenditure secured/required to deliver Climate Emergency Action Plan

- 5.1) The following sets out a high-level review of the revenue costs associated with delivery of the Climate Emergency Action Plan. The assessment of revenue costs have been based on the cost officer time, feasibility studies and non-capital delivery costs. Where strategies and costed plans are referenced in the action the assessment of whether costs are contained within existing budgets relates to the development and publication of the strategy and/or technical assessment but not the potential costs of delivering that strategy.
- 5.2) The assessment has been based on the five themes within the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan 2024. Green denotes confidence that existing resources are sufficient to respond to the action. Amber denotes actions where work is underway but additional resources may be required to complete the work over the lifetime of the action. Red denotes actions that have stalled or been dropped because of insufficient resources.
- 5.3) Across the 60 actions set out in Lewisham's Climate Emergency Action Plan 2024 two-thirds are assessed as having sufficient budget to respond to the action. In the remaining one-third work is underway but additional resources may be needed to complete the work over the lifetime of the action. No projects are assessed as Red.

Leading By Example – Priorities for 2024/25

| RAG rating | Definition | Position |
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| Green | Confidence that existing resources in the 24/25 budget are sufficient to respond to the action | 56% |
| Amber | Actions where work is underway but there are potentially additional resources that will be required to complete the work of the lifetime of the action | 44% |
| Red | Actions that have stalled or been dropped because of insufficient resources | |

| Reference | Action | Funded within 24/25 Budget |
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| 1.1.1 | Report annually on the Council's corporate carbon emissions and improve data collection on corporate energy, water, waste, recycling and other environmental performance measures. | |
| 1.1.2 | Roll out the Council's Climate Literacy Training Module to all staff and members. | |
| 1.1.3 | Adopt a new policy of avoiding single-use plastic at all corporate events, alongside existing policy of vegan-only catering. | |
| 1.1.4 | Issue a toolkit to staff to support service teams in identifying the climate implications of decisions as part of the corporate reports process. | |
| 1.1.5 | Deliver the agreed Pension Fund Climate Transition and Net Zero Policy increasing allocation to net zero investments and to investment that has a positive impact in relation to biodiversity, climate adaptation and other environmental and social benefits. | N/A |
| 1.1.6 | Measure the carbon footprint of the Council's supply chain and engage with suppliers to reduce the Council's Scope 3 emissions. | |

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| 1.1.7 | Integrate carbon reporting into the Council's financial reporting. | |
| 1.2.1 | Publish an Asset Management Strategy in 2024/25 setting out a costed plan for decarbonising the corporate estate. | |
| 1.2.2 | Embed the ambition for the Council to be net zero within the delivery of the Catford Town Centre Framework, with the aim that the civic campus meets the highest standards of environmental performance. | |
| 1.2.3 | Publish an Asset Management Strategy in 2024/25 setting out a costed plan for decarbonising the Council's schools' estate. | |
| 1.2.4 | Publish an Asset Management Strategy in 2024/25 setting out a costed plan for decarbonising the Council's commercial estate. | |
| 1.3.1 | Deliver a Corporate Fleet Strategy in 2024/25 that sets out a costed and cost-effective programme that accounts for the significant cost of vehicles and infrastructure required to electrify Lewisham's fleet by 2030, acknowledging current and future budget constraints and potential funding opportunities. | |
| 1.3.2 | Following the outcome of the Asset Management Strategy and the Corporate Fleet Strategy, determine the approach to upgrade electrical capacity at Wearside to support an electrified fleet. | |
| 1.3.3 | Publish a Staff Travel Plan in 2024/25 and support staff to travel to work by public transport and active travel. | |
| 1.4.1 | Work with the Council's PFI provider Skanska to review opportunities to convert Lewisham streetlights to LED. | |
| 1.4.2 | Publish a new Digital Strategy in 2024/25 setting out actions in support of carbon reduction including on IT equipment, servers and document retention. | |
| 1.4.3 | Promote sustainability in schools including through lower environmental impact catering and expansion of food waste collections. | |

Sustainable Housing – Priorities for 2024/25

| RAG rating | Definition | Position |
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| Green | Confidence that existing resources in the 24/25 budget are sufficient to respond to the action | 66% |
| Amber | Actions where work is underway but there are potentially additional resources that will be required to complete the work of the lifetime of the action | 33% |
| Red | Actions that have stalled or been dropped because of insufficient resources | |

| Reference | Action | Funded within 24/25 Budget |
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| 2.1.1 | Publish a Housing Retrofit Strategy in 2024/25 setting out a fully costed plan to retrofit the Council's housing stock. | |
| 2.1.2 | Raise standards in existing communal heating systems, ensuring compliance with regulation and installing metering and improved controls to systems. Develop a planned maintenance and investment plan that is informed by the emerging strategic approach to decarbonising heating across the stock. | |
| 2.1.3 | Deliver new build properties that meet the new standards set in the Local Plan and draw on best practice in relation to embodied carbon, decarbonised heating, energy efficiency and climate adaptation. | |
| 2.1.4 | Develop and deliver an engagement programme for the Council's tenants and leaseholders to save money on bills and cut emissions. | |
| 2.2.1 | Publish a Housing Retrofit Strategy in 2024/25 setting out actions supporting decarbonisation of the borough's private rental stock. | |
| 2.2.2 | Deliver a new selective licencing scheme extending the existing programme for Houses of Multiple Occupation to cover an additional 20,000 private rental properties. ⁴ | |
| 2.2.3 | Take enforcement under the Domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Regulation, which allow us to issue a Community Protection Notice (CPN) for renting accommodation under an EPC rating of E. | |
| 2.2.4 | Ensure all accommodation used as temporary accommodation by the Council meets the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards including the current requirement for EPC rating E or above and has all the required gas and electrical certification. | |
| 2.3.1 | Publish a Housing Retrofit Strategy in 2024/25 that includes a range of actions supporting owner occupiers to decarbonise their homes. | |
| 2.4.1 | Publish a Housing Retrofit Strategy in 2024/25 that includes a range of actions supporting other social landlords in the borough to decarbonise their housing stock. | |
| 2.5.1 | Lead an area-wide advice service for South London service providing practical support to help low income and vulnerable residents cut the cost of staying warm. | |

⁴ Note that the wording of this action has been provisionally updated since Mayor and Cabinet approval of the Climate Emergency Action Plan 2024 to reflect the latest position on this area of work. The previous wording referred only to licencing of HMOs.

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| 2.5.2 | Ensure that our most disadvantaged communities benefit from support to decarbonise housing and that the welfare of residents is central to implementation of new technologies and retrofit programmes. | |
| 2.6.1 | Use Lewisham's new Local Plan to ensure new buildings meet net zero standards and anticipate the impact of a changing climate. | |
| 2.6.2 | Support the development and implementation of heat networks in the priority areas identified by the borough's energy master planning. | |
| 2.6.3 | Work with neighbouring boroughs and other stakeholders to develop a Local Area Energy Plan that sets the strategic sub-regional context for decarbonisation and energy infrastructure. | |

Decarbonised Transport – priorities for 2024/25

| RAG rating | Definition | Position |
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| Green | Confidence that existing resources in the 24/25 budget are sufficient to respond to the action | 60% |
| Amber | Actions where work is underway but there are potentially additional resources that will be required to complete the work of the lifetime of the action | 40% |
| Red | Actions that have stalled or been dropped because of insufficient resources | |

| Reference | Action | Funded or Non-funded? |
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| 3.1.1 | Implement the Lewisham Sustainable Streets Programme improving parking management and delivering sustainable transport improvements benefiting local communities. | |
| 3.1.2 | Expand the Lewisham Schools Streets programme encouraging active travel to school and reducing traffic, pollution and hazards around schools. | |
| 3.1.3 | Work with partners to achieve the ambition of at least one electric vehicle charging point within a 500m walk of every resident. | |
| 3.1.4 | Publish an Active Travel Strategy in 2024/25 setting out a range of measures to encourage more local journeys to be made through walking and cycling. | |
| 3.1.5 | Implement a Healthy Neighbourhoods programme to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and encourage sustainable modes of travel. Proposals are informed by discussions with residents and key stakeholders living within the neighbourhood area. | |
| 3.2.1 | Work in partnership with Transport for London, the Department for Transport, Network Rail and others to encourage investment in transport infrastructure in the borough and improvements to public transport services. | |

Greener, adaptive Lewisham – Priorities for 24/25

| RAG rating | Definition | Position |
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| Green | Confidence that existing resources in the 24/25 budget are sufficient to respond to the action | 50% |
| Amber | Actions where work is underway but there are potentially additional resources that will be required to complete the work of the lifetime of the action | 50% |
| Red | Actions that have stalled or been dropped because of insufficient resources | |

| Reference | Action | Funded or non-funded? |
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| 4.1.1 | Use an evidenced-based approach to increasing tree stocks, tree canopy and linear metres of hedgerow. Build on the success of the Council's partnership with Street Trees for Living and work to identify the right kind of tree for the right location. | |
| 4.1.2 | Report annually on delivery of Lewisham's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2020-25 including outputs on enhancements to green and blue infrastructure, connectivity between green spaces, support for and engagement with Park User and Friends' Groups, adaptive responses to climate change and service improvements to minimise the environmental impact of management of the borough's parks and open spaces. | |
| 4.1.3 | Deliver on the aspirations of the Catford Town Centre Framework to make Catford the greenest town centre in London, through green and blue infrastructure, liveability and the 15-minute city concept and by reducing the environmental impact of redevelopment including through understanding and seeking to reduce embodied carbon. | |
| 4.1.4 | Use Lewisham's new Local Plan to drive positive gains for biodiversity, particularly in areas that are deficient in public access to nature conservation. | |
| 4.1.5 | Work with local partner organisations to develop local responses and new investment models for enhancing green and blue infrastructure and biodiversity in the borough. | |
| 4.2.1 | Report annually on delivery of Lewisham's Flood Risk Strategy 2022-27 building the evidence base that underpins the understanding of flood risk, supports funding bids and prioritises targeting of local mitigation measures. | |
| 4.2.2 | Create new opportunities for flooding attenuation in green spaces and sustainable drainage on highways and the public realm including nature-based solutions that deliver environmental and social benefits. | |
| 4.2.3 | Review and develop the Council's response to a changing climate to inform and support the Council's emergency response process and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. | |

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| 4.2.4 | Use Council land and buildings to enhance adaptive responses to climate change including shading, flood mitigation and biodiversity benefits. | |
| 4.2.5 | Build the evidence base and develop practical actions to protect and enhance the value driveways and front gardens have for biodiversity and the mitigation of surface water flood risk. | |
| 4.3.1 | Report annually on delivery of Lewisham's Air Quality Action Plan 2022-27 including expanding the air quality monitoring network, minimising emissions from developments and vehicles through planning and enforcement and working in partnership to implement neighbourhood-based approaches to reducing pollutants and improving air quality. | |
| 4.4.1 | Report annually on delivery of Lewisham's Waste Management Strategy 2021-31 and Reduction and Recycling Plan 23-25, setting out actions against targets to reduce waste in the borough and to prioritise the waste hierarchy and principles of a circular economy for the borough. | |

Inspiring, learning and lobbying – Priorities for 2024/25

| RAG rating | Definition | Position |
|------------|--|----------|
| Green | Confidence that existing resources in the 24/25 budget are sufficient to respond to the action | 100% |
| Amber | Actions where work is underway but there are potentially additional resources that will be required to complete the work of the lifetime of the action | |
| Red | Actions that have stalled or been dropped because of insufficient resources | |

| Reference | Action | Funded or non-funded? |
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| 5.1.1 | Raise awareness and drive engagement and partnership on climate activity through a wide-ranging and proactive communications campaign. | |
| 5.1.2 | Work with Lewisham's Young Mayor to support and grow existing action by young people in the borough on climate change. Work to ensure the views of young people are integrated within the Council's approach to action on climate change. | |
| 5.1.3 | Engage and support schools through the Lewisham Schools Climate Network to take action on climate change. | |
| 5.2.1 | Work with local partner organisations in the Lewisham Strategic Partnership to take action on carbon emissions and climate change. | |
| 5.2.2 | Deliver the second round of Lewisham's Community Energy Fund in 2024 and support local community-based action on carbon reduction and energy efficiency. | |
| 5.2.3 | Publish a Local Economic Development Strategy in 2024/25 setting out plans to develop the local supply chain for retrofit and enable local people to benefit from working in the green economy. | |
| 5.2.4 | Publish a Local Economic Development Strategy in 2024/25 setting out plans to develop the local supply chain for retrofit and enable local people to benefit from working in the green economy. | |
| 5.2.5 | Publish a Local Economic Development Strategy in 2024/25 setting out plans to support local businesses in Lewisham to reduce their environmental impact and connect to ethically conscious consumers. | |
| 5.3.1 | Work with London Councils, the GLA and other London boroughs to develop and present a coherent case for change at national level to deliver the investment, legislation, fiscal incentives and leadership needed to respond to the climate crisis. | |
| 5.3.2 | Challenge new developments in London or nationally that are likely to increase carbon emissions in Lewisham. | |