

2035 Net Zero Council Action Plan

Action ID	Action	LCC departmental leads	Timescale		Delivery Period				
			Start	End	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
LCC.1	When the liquid fuels framework is due for renewal, reprocure the contract to include HVO and/or work on the integration of HVO into the framework in future, to maximise carbon benefits in difficult to transition to electric vehicles, in Waste and Highways. Investigate and work towards the centralisation of fuel management between teams to maximise purchasing power and reduce wastage.	Waste Management Highways Operations	Apr-25	Mar-27					
LCC.2	Consider opportunities to move to an Electric Vehicle (EV) fleet using the findings of the 2024 EV Fleet Study for small and light fleet vehicles.	Highways Operations Strategic Property Team Carbon Reduction Team	Apr-25	Mar-26					
LCC.3	Use the building energy surveys across 61 Council buildings to secure external funding to carry out fabric improvements and heat decarbonisation at several Council properties.	Strategic Property Team	Apr-24	May-25					
LCC.4	Carry out the 18-month dimming streetlights to 30% intensity trial - complete the trial and subject to the Cabinet agreement, consider opportunities for permanent implementation.	Structures and Street Lighting	Ongoing	Jun-25					
LCC.5	Work with high mileage service areas across the Council to reduce carbon emissions from business mileage through a range of interventions. Engage with staff to support and enable carbon reduction from mileage reductions whilst maintaining service delivery.	Carbon Reduction Team	Ongoing	Mar-27					
LCC.6	Investigate opportunities for local carbon sequestration on the Council's estate, insetting within the Council's value chain and other carbon removal practices and techniques.	Environment Branch	Apr-28	Mar-30					

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LCC.7	Strengthen environmental controls within the Procurement Strategy, and develop tools and guidance to integrate carbon impact into procurement decisions and integrate Council sustainability specifications and requirements into supplier contracts and the procurement process.	Commissioning Support Unit	Sep-25	Sep-27					
LCC.8	Investigate opportunities to improve data collection, understanding and reporting of scope 3 emissions and consider implications on the Council's greenhouse gas reporting.	Carbon Reduction Team	Apr-26	Mar-29					
LCC.9	Consider opportunities for pilot working with key suppliers to reduce carbon impacts of high emissions contracts and meet environmental goals.	Commissioning Support Unit Carbon Reduction Team	Sep-26	Sep-27					
LCC.10	Work with support services and subject matter experts to develop carbon pricing/carbon impact assessments within Council services to help inform decisions and business cases.	Carbon Reduction Team	Apr-27	Mar-29					
LCC.11	Provide staff with opportunities to support their carbon literacy and enable them to deliver their services in a carbon considerate way and, where resources allow, include training and awareness raising through the Greener Together scheme.	Carbon Reduction Team	Ongoing	Ongoing					
LCC.12	Encourage low carbon smarter and more efficient working practices across the Council e.g hybrid working, reducing resource use, being considerate with energy consumption across service areas.	Carbon Reduction Team	Ongoing	Ongoing					

LCC.13	Explore opportunities for the Investing in Leicestershire Programme to support net zero targets through low carbon development, increased renewable energy generation and, where possible, supporting tenants to reduce their carbon footprint.	Strategic Property Team	Ongoing	Ongoing					
LCC.14	Support the shift of Council investments towards clean, green and sustainable portfolios to support the low carbon economy.	Strategic Property Team Carbon Reduction Team Finance Team	Ongoing	Ongoing					

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				Start	End	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Transport										
T1	Develop a vision and strategy for decarbonised transport for Leicestershire via the new Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4).	Transport Strategy and Policy	Transport Partners Business Residents	Apr-25	Mar-27					
T2	Work with partners to investigate models and tools to quantify the carbon impact of transport policy decisions and scheme design.	Transport Strategy and Policy	Midlands Connect Midlands Highway Alliance	Ongoing	Ongoing					
T3	Continue to implement the actions identified in the Cycling and Walking Strategy, which include building key infrastructure and delivering behaviour change projects to enable and encourage active travel use and reducing reliance on cars.	Sustainable Travel and Transport Transport Projects and Programmes Transport Strategy and Policy	Active Travel England (ATE) District councils Leicester City Council Health partners Residents Businesses Schools Active travel partnerships Community groups	Ongoing	Ongoing					
T4	Continue to deliver sustainable travel planning advice and support to businesses and residents through the Choose How You Move campaign and Leicestershire County Council's Active Travel Forum.	Sustainable Travel and Transport	Active Travel England (ATE) District councils Leicester City Council Health partners Residents Businesses Schools Active travel partnerships Community groups	Ongoing	Ongoing					
T5	Continue to improve and support passenger transport across bus, rail, Demand Responsive Transport and Community Transport, through ongoing delivery of the LTP, Bus Service Improvement Plan and Leicestershire Enhanced Partnership, to reduce reliance on the car.	Sustainable Travel and Transport Transport Strategy and Policy	Public Transport providers Community Groups Residents Department for Transport (DfT) District councils Neighbouring authorities Business and Skills Partnership Midlands Connect Transport for East Midlands Great British Rail	Ongoing	Ongoing					
T6	Deliver Leicestershire County Council's Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. Review and refresh the strategy periodically to ensure appropriate response and adaptation to technology advances and as new national policies and funding streams are brought forward.	Transport Strategy and Policy	Midlands Connect Business Residents District councils Chargepoint Operators National Grid DfT Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) Neighbouring authorities	Ongoing	Ongoing					
T7	Deliver the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funded charging infrastructure pilot project, installing up to 80 on-street charge points and seek opportunities to secure additional LEVI funding to install further public charging points across the County.	Special Projects Transport Projects and Programmes	Midlands Connect Neighbouring authorities District councils Residents Business Chargepoint Operators National Grid DfT and OZEV	Ongoing	Mar-26					
T8	Support Council partners to deliver the FLEX-D project to develop charging hubs with solar canopy/battery storage and seek funding to implement.	Special Projects Transport Projects and Programmes	Midlands Net Zero Hub District councils Business and Skills Partnership	Ongoing	Mar-26					
T9	Work with partners to consider the potential options for joint procurement of low emission vehicles and refuelling infrastructure.	Carbon Reduction Team Commissioning Support Unit	District councils Health partners Energy Saving Trust	Apr-27	Mar-30					
T10	Support partners to investigate opportunities as they arise for low emission alternatives for freight and logistics.	Transport Strategy and Policy	Midlands Net Zero Hub District councils Business and Skills Partnership	Ongoing	Ongoing					

Buildings and Energy										
B1	Work with partners to secure future funding to support building retrofit for homes and other buildings.	Warm Homes Team	District councils Midlands Net Zero Hub	Ongoing	Ongoing					
B2	Support district councils to develop consistent local planning policies which champion net zero carbon development using an evidence-led and whole life cycle approach to infrastructure, buildings and homes.	Environment Branch Planning	District councils Leicester City Council Business and Skills Partnership	Ongoing	Ongoing					
B3	Support the delivery of the Leicestershire Collaborate to Accelerate Net Zero (LCAN) work package 2 to develop a Local Area Energy Plan and use its outputs to stimulate low carbon technologies across the County through private investment and community energy schemes.	Carbon Reduction Team	LCAN partners District councils Leicester City Council	Apr-25	Mar-26					
B4	Review the Midlands Net Zero Hub commissioned District Eating findings and consider opportunities for delivery in Leicestershire.	Carbon Reduction Team Public Health Team	Midlands Net Zero Hub	Apr-25	Mar-26					
B5	Work collaboratively to increase renewable energy generation and storage through the LCAN project and innovative business models such as group buying projects to support householders to install low carbon technology such as air source heat pumps.	Carbon Reduction Team	Midlands Net Zero Hub Business and Skills Partnership District councils Investors Universities	Apr-25	Mar-26					
Business and Economy										
E1	Develop a Digital Strategy and consider the role of digital technology and skills in delivering net zero targets, including smart metering, artificial intelligence, weather modelling, smart grids, 5G rollout, enabling flexible working solutions etc.	Growth Service	TBC	Apr-27	Mar-30					
E2	Develop an Inward Investment Strategy which considers low carbon goods and services.	Growth Service	Leicester City Council Leicestershire County Council	Apr-27	Mar-30					
E3	Support the delivery of LCAN work package 4 to develop a business Advisory Service which will support businesses and organisations to transition their operations to net zero through training and education; and also support them to consider the green sector in terms of their goods and services.	Carbon Reduction Team	LCAN partners Midlands Net Zero Hub Government	Apr-25	Mar-26					
E4	Develop the Leicester & Leicestershire Destination Management Plan with a strategic priority of Regenerative Tourism to align with Visit England's strategy. Delivery from January 2026.	Growth Service	Leicester City Council Tourism Advisory Board Visit England District councils Local Tourism Partnerships National Forest Canal & River Trust	Jan-26	Dec-31					
E5	Work with partners to gather evidence on the large greenhouse gas emitters in Leicestershire.	Carbon Reduction Team Growth Service	Business and Skills Partnership Universities Leicester City Council	Apr-25	Mar-27					
E6	Support delivery of the Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund's Net Zero Climate Strategy, in the Council's role as Administering Authority.	Pensions Team	Leicestershire Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Committee/Board/LGPS Central	Ongoing	Ongoing					
E7	Work with partners to use Enterprise Zones to support low carbon sector industry and business clusters and increase research and development capacity in the county through securing investment and delivery of pilot projects as staff resource allows.	Growth Service	Business and Skills Partnership Universities	Apr-25	Ongoing					

Resources and Waste										
R1	Deliver the Sustainable Food Plan to reduce the carbon impact of food production, distribution and food waste; and support residents to grow their own and shop seasonally through advice and signposting.	Environment and Waste Branch Public Health Team	Sustainable Food Partnership	Ongoing	Ongoing					
R2	Explore options for local procurement of sustainable food for Local Authority and schools catering to increase demand and stimulate supply chains.	Leicestershire Traded Services Public Health Team	Businesses	Apr-25	Mar-27					
R3	Deliver the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy to work towards a circular economy and contribute to achieving net zero carbon by 2050 in Leicestershire.	Environment and Waste Branch	District councils	Ongoing	Ongoing					
Nature and Land Use										
N1	Deliver the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland in line with Government guidance.	Environment Policy and Strategy	Leicester City Council Rutland Council District councils Natural England Environment Agency Forestry Commission National Forest Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust Neighbouring authorities Farmers, land owners and managers Voluntary Community & Social Enterprise groups Residents and other stakeholders	Jul-25	Ongoing					
N2	Work with local planning authorities when opportunities arise to explore how carbon sequestration and storage can be achieved through Biodiversity Net Gain and the LNRS.	Ecology and Biodiversity Team	District councils LNRS Steering Group	Ongoing	Ongoing					
N3	Deliver the County Council's tree strategy and commitment to plant 700,000 trees by 2030.	Forestry Team	District councils Woodland Trust National Forest Business Residents	Apr-25	Mar-30					
N4	Deliver the Council's statutory biodiversity duty and report on it every five years.	Ecology and Biodiversity Team	Ecology and Biodiversity Team Country Parks Team Highways Team Property Team	Apr-25	Ongoing					

Communities										
C1	Support the delivery of LCAN work package 1 which will research and provide guidance on an appropriate governance model which will draw together stakeholders from across Leicestershire and support them to accelerate the delivery of net zero.	Carbon Reduction Team	LCAN partners District councils Leicester City Council	Apr-25	Mar-26					
C2	Support the delivery of LCAN work package 3 which will provide support to enable community cohesion to form community energy groups and provide the practical tools and expertise to support these groups to deliver community energy projects.	Carbon Reduction Team	LCAN partners District councils Leicester City Council	Apr-25	Mar-26					
C3	Support the delivery of LCAN work package 4 which will explore opportunities to increase public awareness and confidence in carbon reduction through advice, training and carbon literacy.	Carbon Reduction Team	LCAN partners District councils Leicester City Council	Apr-25	Mar-26					
C4	Provide information and training to the County Council's Environment Action Volunteers (EAV) to support net zero.	Environment Branch	EAVs	Apr-25	Mar-29					
C5	Develop and deliver engagement activities on an ongoing basis which include tools and guidance to support individuals and organisations to reduce carbon and consider the linked benefits such as their health, saving money and supporting nature.	Carbon Reduction Team	Universities District councils	Ongoing	Ongoing					
Enabling Actions										
EA1	Deliver the LCAN demonstrator project which will provide research and guidance on a national scale to support Government decision making and shape future action on delivering net zero.	Carbon Reduction Team	LCAN partners	Apr-25	Mar-26					
EA2	When opportunities arise, engage with the Government to call for urgent action to deliver net zero carbon, including a clear framework and the resources required to define and support the role of local authorities in tackling the climate emergency.	Carbon Reduction Team	District councils Leicester City Council	Ongoing	Ongoing					
EA3	Work with partners when possible, particularly knowledge-based institutions, to support research, development and demonstration of low and zero carbon technologies.	Carbon Reduction Team	Universities Midlands Net Zero Hub	Ongoing	Ongoing					
EA4	Investigate funding opportunities to increase net zero activity in Leicestershire eg. the National Lottery Climate Action Fund.	Carbon Reduction Team	Funding partners	Ongoing	Ongoing					

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