



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11 JUNE 2025
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1. Question asked by Mr. Adam Stares

What is the projected net cost to Leicestershire County Council in the current financial year (2025/26) to pursue its Net Zero Strategy as set out in 2023-2027 Action Plan? What is this as a proportion of the Council's total net spending?

Reply by the Chairman

The Net Zero Leicestershire Action Plan 2023-27 has been superseded by the 2050 Net Zero Action Plan (Updated).

In most cases, delivery of the Net Zero Strategy is a co-benefit of other service and savings delivery initiatives. For 2025/26, net revenue costs (where the primary reason is net zero delivery) are expected to amount to £0.38m and equates to 0.06% of the Council's total revenue net spending. It should be noted that the £0.38m includes specific costs that are not entirely attributable to delivering carbon reduction initiatives, e.g. the Energy Team in Property Services (which accounts for £0.06m net), works across the estate to procure the most cost-effective energy contracts and optimise external funding streams, reducing energy costs for the Council.

In terms of capital, the net budget provision is £0.67m, equates to 0.43% of the Council's total capital programme for 2025/26 and relates to the installation of electric vehicle charge points, air source heat pumps for end-of-life gas boilers and solar panels.

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