

Climate Action Plan – Organisations Actions

The below tables provide an update on the Immediate and Programme Developments of the Climate Action Plan and provides a short comment to justify the selection of progress status. This information will be expanded upon in the panel session but is intended to inform discussion and thoughts prior to the session.

| CAP Immediate Action – From or by 2020 unless otherwise stated | Status of project: E.g. 1) Action not commenced 2) on track for delivery/barriers to overcome 3) delivered/ongoing delivery. Followed by comments detailing information and/or progress of the action. | Progress |
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| Create new governance, with citizen participation, to monitor progress and support the delivery of the Climate Action Plan for Camden. Recruitment for the panel will begin in 2020. | Project Status: Delivered/ongoing delivery | |
| | Project Summary: The creation of the panel came as a direct recommendation from the Citizen's' Assembly on the climate crisis. Assembly members felt it was important that residents could continually be involved in the development of the council's climate programme. | |
| | The Camden Climate Citizen Panel is made up of 15 citizens that live and/or work in the borough. Recruitment for the panel commenced in July 2020, coinciding with the launch of the Climate Action Plan. Recruitment was open for a month in which 86 applications were received. Responses were anonymised and scored independently to provide a panel that reflected the diverse demography of the borough. | |
| | It was intended that the panel would meet face-to-face quarterly to review progress of actions and work in a collaborative and co-designing capacity with the council. As a result of the COVID pandemic, the panel is yet to meet in person and has had to adapt to online meetings and the additional challenges this presents. At the request of the panel, panel meetings have become more regular in order to keep momentum and so that updates have be shared more regularly. | |
| | The panel will work as a group for 2 years, before the panel is re-recruited giving other Camden citizens the opportunity to get involved with the Council's climate work. The panel is the first known panel of its kind, both in Camden and across other local authorities and serves as an additional form of governance within Camden's wider climate governance structure. | |
| Amend the Council's Constitution in 2020 to require all Council decisions to protect | Project Status: Delivered/ongoing delivery | |
| and improve the natural environment and mitigate climate change. | Project Summary: Camden's Constitution sets how we operate, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. | |
| | In June 2020, the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Regeneration and Planning and Borough Solicitor and deputations from Climate Emergency Camden and Extinction Rebellion Camden in respect of environmental stewardship in the Constitution of the Council. | |
| | The Council's Constitution was amended to give Members the responsibility for environmental stewardship across all scrutiny committees. It was also outlined that when taking any decision that may have an environmental impact, the Council will consider the likely environmental consequences of the relevant decision. This will | |

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| | include making the most of opportunities to minimise negative impacts natural environment, and to act to mitigate and adapt to climate change |
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| In 2020, through the Camden Climate Change Alliance, develop a Zero Carbon pledge for local organisations. | Project Status: Delivered/ongoing action to increase signatories Project Summary: The Camden Climate Pledge has been developed borough-wide (following an initial pilot phase) on 17 March 2021. The organisations to working towards net zero carbon by 2030. Actions an split under eight different themes: Environmental management, Energy renewables, Waste prevention, Supply chain and deliveries, Business commuting, Staff engagement, Encouraging biodiversity, and Partners currently 14 signatories: |
| | Avondale Construction LTD John McAslan and Partners The Bedford Estates British Land BT University College London Hospitals The Roundhouse Great Ormond Street Hospital Voluntary Action Camden Troup Bywaters and Anders Stop CO2 Ltd The Wesley Hotel Midtown BID Royal Central School of Speech and Drama |
| Create a new Sustainable Procurement Policy and procedure for all Council purchases over £100,000. | Project Status: Partial delivery/delayed with barriers to overcome Project Summary: The new Sustainable Procurement Policy was added and places a requirement for all contracts over £100,000 to mitigate the environmental impact. To monitor the impacts of this policy, a social value tracker has been in The social value tracker allows the Council to monitor the commitment Contractors during the procurement process and to analyse the overat Council's large contracts. Procurement Category Managers have been updating the social value tracker with their recent procurements. Offic how to best utilise the platform and there is a renewed focus on ensuring implementation of the tracker. |
| In 2020, switch the Council's corporate estate and schools to green electricity, and look at further ways to reduce the emissions associated with our energy supplies through renewable energy. | Project Status: Delivered/ongoing delivery Project Summary: In October 2020, Camden switched its corporate a estate to 100% renewable electricity supplies, using REGO (Renewable Guarantees of Origin) Backed electricity tariffs. |



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| | OFGEM issue one REGO certificate per megawatt hour (MWh) of renewable generation fed into the grid. The purpose of the certificate is to prove to the final customer that a given share of energy was produced from renewable sources. In addition to purchasing 100% renewable electricity across our schools and corporate estate, in 2020, the Council facilitated the connection of the Combined Heat and Power unit from the Somers Town Energy energy centre, to Europe's largest biomedical research facility, the Francis Crick Institute. This private wire connection will enable Camden to provide low-carbon electricity to the organisation. | |
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| From 2020, ensure all council decision-making includes an assessment of the decision's environmental impact. | Project Status: Delivered/ongoing delivery Project Summary: As per the action above, the Council's Constitution was amended to give Members the responsibility for environmental stewardship across all scrutiny committees. It was also outlined that when taking any decision that may have an environmental impact, the Council will consider the likely environmental consequences of the relevant decision. This includes making the most of opportunities to minimise negative impacts, to enhance the natural environment, and to act to mitigate and adapt to climate change. When decisions are taken, the constitution states that the process of consideration of the environment within decision-making process should be recorded within the decision-making report. | |





| CAP Programme Development Actions – From or by 2021 unless otherwise stated | Status of project: 1) Action not commenced 2) on track for delivery/barriers to overcome 3) delivered/ongoing delivery. Followed by comments detailing information and/or progress of the action. | |
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| By 2022, define a low carbon supply chain rating project for local businesses in the Camden Climate Change Alliance to help inform consumer decisions. | Project Status: Action not yet commenced Project Summary: Research to be undertaken further on any existing supply chain rating schemes that the CCCA could learn from. It is anticipated that a rating could be provided to businesses who have assessed their contractors in procurement decisions in terms of operating in a low carbon (and ethical) manner. This could involve assessing whether Contractors: having a carbon target in place, report regularly, engage staff on sustainability issues, active in waste reduction and sustainable logistics. Guidance could be provided in the form of model contract clauses by CCCA and the business requesting this information from their contractors receiving an accreditation by doing so. | |
| In 2021, extend the citizen governance to scrutinise the climate progress of other major institutions in Camden, subject to their agreement. | Project Status: Action not yet commenced/to be discussed with panel members Project Summary: Camden officers would like to discuss with the panel during the next session. We propose that the panel could lead on this expansion and work with local organisations of interest, to provide constructive feedback that would help businesses to continually achieve and further develop their climate aspirations. The Council would help support and facilitate these discussions. | |
| Work with other London Councils and local authorities to agree a London-wide lobbying position to Government on the climate and ecological crisis. | Project Status: Action commenced/early stages Project Summary: London Councils Committee members, in collaboration with Environment Directors across London Local Authorities, agreed a Climate Action programme covering key principles of action. This programme helps borough to identify and design ways that Authorities could collaborate to tackle shared challenges. In response to the Covid-19 crisis, Council Leaders and Environment Directors agreed on further principles in development of a Green New Deal for London as a framework for delivering a green recovery for London. An action plan is being developed, taking into account the themes of the climate programme and green recovery proposal which will set out how Council's will collectively tackle the climate crisis in London. This process will also help to identify areas where additional support is required from Central Government and where lobbying is required. | |
| Make 5 Pancras Square single-use plastic free by 2020 and all other sites by 2021, including schools and all Council events. | Project Status: Ongoing delivery/barriers to overcome due to Covid-19 Project Summary: Progress of this action is currently monitored throughout commitments in the Climate Action Plan and <u>Camden's Reduction and Recycling Plan</u> , however delivery and progress has been impacted as a result of the pandemic and operational changes. | |



| | The council recently passed a motion that supports the journey of Camden towards Plastic Free community status, committing to plastic-free alternatives and plastic-free initiatives within the borough and that the Council leads by example by: 1) removing single-use plastic items from our premises, 2) encouraging plastic-free initiatives in our communities and 3) promoting plastic-free campaigns and supporting events. | |
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| | Currently, single-use plastic has been removed from the majority of office buildings, including 5 Pancras Square and the Crowndale Centre, as well as Camden libraries. A small number of plastic cups are held by security/reception points for public water fountains. Plastic free, disposable alternatives are being considered. Staff can access a range of reusable glasses and cups at both council sites. Camden's Event Service has already removed non-recyclable items from our office events and has reusable items now for future functions. The service currently advises event organisers to use sustainable, plastic free and recyclable materials where possible – and asks organisers to submit waste plans for review. | |
| | Reducing single-use plastics in schools is one of the commitments schools will be signing up to as part of the School Climate Charter. Much of the single-use plastic in schools comes in via their catering procurement and we have been working closely with our catering contractor to change this situation. Our catering contractor is engaged on the sustainability subject and has been working towards reducing plastic in their service, however, during the pandemic, they had to revert to some old practices around wrapping and packaging for safety reasons. In November 2020, two schools successfully introduced 'hydration stations' which removed the sale of approx. 400 single-use water bottles per week. Discussions to roll this out to other schools has taken place but are on hold due to Covid-19. | |
| Make Camden's vehicle fleet 100% low/zero carbon emission by 2022 and ensure Contractors' fleet vehicles comply with Camden's Green Vehicle Fleet Procurement Policy. | Project Status: On track for delivery Project Summary: Camden accessible travel solutions (CATS) are looking at an initial trial of replacing 15 mini vans, used to transport heavy loads around estates by Camden Housing Repairs, with cargo bikes. This will significantly reduce the carbon emissions from this practice. CATS are exploring a pilot scheme utilising a telematics platform within Council owned vehicles to reduce fuel consumption. This software provides real-time feedback, via an LED display, to drivers on whether they are driving safely and minimising fuel use by monitoring efficient acceleration and breaking. The data management portal will allow the Council to monitor the impacts of the installed technology in reducing fuel consumption. Options for switching Camden's vehicle fleet to low/zero emission by 2022 are being considered, with hybrid vehicles currently being trialled within the vehicle fleet. | |
| Introduce meat-free days across Council catering contracts from 2020, including schools. | Project Status: Ongoing delivery/barriers to overcome Project Summary: Working with the Camden catering contractor, meat-free days are now offered across Council buildings, including schools. The provider trialled sustainable meals | |

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| | by adapting previous popular meat-based recipes to replace 50% of the proteins with those that are plant based, replacing meat with other sources like beans, lentils and chickpeas. Both 50% plant-based meals and 100% plant-based meals are offered across our schools in Camden. Currently, 59% of schools are offering meat-free days to their students. The initiative has been coined 'Meat-free Mondays', with meat-free options the only available options on that day and meat-based meals only available throughout the rest of the week. | |
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| Grow and develop the Camden Climate Change Alliance environmental business network as a platform for engaging and collaborating with businesses. | Project Status: Ongoing delivery Project Summary: Since the CCCA was established in 2008, the network has gained over 400 members. As of May 2021, the alliance has 375 active members. In 2020 alone, there were 46 new members, predominantly comprising of schools. The creation of the Schools Sustainability Peer Support Network in May 2020 helped to drive this growth in membership. Since the beginning of 2021, the CCCA can report 11 new members and is attributing this growth due to increased visibility due via the delivery of events and the official launch of the Camden Climate Pledge. The pledge has helped to provide a renewed focus on encouraging businesses to engage with 'green recovery' following the pandemic and work towards the net zero target by 2030. 'Pledgers' are required to be a CCCA membership to sign up for the pledge and receive ongoing support from the team. Targeted events to promote the pledge have already been delivered to Urban Partners, the Knowledge Quarter, The Fitzrovia Partnership Sustainability Forum as well as a dedicated CCCA launch event. The CCCA continues to offer a range of events to engage businesses and expand the | |
| | network. | |
| Provide an annual update on the divestment of Camden's pension fund to ensure transparency. | Project Status: Ongoing delivery/Update to be presented at a later date Project Summary: As part of the annual review of the Climate Action Plan due to take place in 2021, a formal report will be published commenting on progress made across all of the actions within the Plan. This report will including the annual update on the progress of the Camden's divestment pension fund. According to research carried out by <u>UK Divest</u>, considering data from the 2019/20 financial year, 96% of the Camden Council pension fund is currently divested. | |
| Undertake an assessment of the borough's scope 3 carbon emissions and use this to inform further actions and projects to reduce wider consumption-based CO ₂ emissions in Camden. | Project Status: Action commenced/exploratory stage Project Summary: There are two studies which have commenced to assess 'scope 3' emission in Camden which are due to be concluded in the coming months. These studies will support the development of further actions within the forthcoming CAP review to reduce consumption based CO₂ emissions in Camden, the studies are as follows: Leeds University – undertaking a measurement of the consumption-based emissions from each of the London boroughs from 2001 to 2017. The study will also | |





| | produce individual profiles of household types within Camden and their carbon footprint. This information will help to inform the public information campaign as discussed at previous sessions. 2. Anthesis – Identification of the main industries/areas where consumption emissions are highest and providing recommendations of the key actions which could be taken to reduce scope 3 emissions in Camden, within the Council's realm of influence. | |
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| In 2021-22 through the Camden Climate Change Alliance, collaborate with major estates and organisations in the borough to promote circular economy opportunities focusing on measurement and the development of projects. | Project Status: Ongoing delivery/awaiting funding approval Project Summary: An application has been made to the Big Lottery Climate Action Fund for a circular economy project in collaboration with the Knowledge Quarter, Somers Town Community Association and other partners. CCCA continue to promote funding and project opportunities around the circular economy to its members and partners including <u>Camden Recycles Cups</u> and the <u>Camden REFILL Station</u> . | |

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