

Leicester City Council
Statement of Progress: October 2010
Nottingham Declaration

Leicester City Council became a signatory to the [Nottingham Declaration](#) in November 2006.

Since then we have undertaken the following in response to the voluntary commitments we made to help tackle the causes and consequences of climate change.

1. Getting our own house in order

- We have calculated the Council's own carbon footprint to be 67,000 tonnes of CO₂ (carbon dioxide).
- This footprint is as wide-ranging as possible including emissions from our buildings, travel, schools and major contractors.
- We have made a formal commitment to reduce this footprint by 50% by 2025 and have an action plan in place to enable us to do this.
- Specific actions we have taken to date to reduce our corporate carbon footprint include:
 - A. A survey and investment process in our high user buildings
 - To date this has identified a saving of 30% in our Leisure Centres
 - B. Investing in new street lighting technologies that will save 100's of tonnes of carbon
 - C. Installing intelligent metering in almost all of our buildings allowing us to make real-time decisions relating to energy use and water
 - D. Making a commitment that all our new developments will be BREEAM excellent equivalent. Replacement buildings must emit 50% less than their predecessor.

To ensure the momentum continues we are planning to:

- F. Develop Carbon Action Plans for each of our service areas
- G. Roll out our buildings and investment process out to all council buildings
- H. Research and install the latest technological innovations for street lighting and traffic signalling as this accounts for 19% of our emissions

2. Making our services more climate friendly and resilient

To ensure our services are adapted to the effects of climate change and minimise their carbon emissions we have implemented a number of actions. Including:

- I. Implementation an EMAS accredited environment management system that covers the activities of all services and over half of our city schools.
- J. Adoption of a Sustainable Procurement Policy to ensure that our all of our procurement meets set minimum environmental, social and economic criteria.
- K. Development of a Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan to ensure our service is ready for the changes that will occur.

3. Providing civic leadership on climate change to the wider community

With our Local Strategic Partnership, we have made climate change one of our key priorities and are committed achieving our targets. We are achieving well in this area with a 7.5% drop in city-wide carbon emissions and a ranking of second place in the Forum for the Future's Most Sustainable Cities Index.

We have developed an Environment Partnership within the Leicester Partnership to help deliver our goals on a citywide basis.

Specific actions we have taken to date and results we have seen include:

- L. Installation of the 'Hot Lofts' scheme in 1000's of homes across the city
- M. Dealing with our waste in an innovative way through installation of a Ball Mill. This segregates recyclates and has enabled us to reach a 35% recycling rate.
- N. Our new housing development, Ashton Green, will provide homes to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4.
- O. Cycling rates have increased by at least 50% within the city largely due to increased facilities in the city centre.
- P. All major developments must include 13% on site renewable energy generation.
- Q. Climate Change What's Your Plan has been implemented in over 70 city businesses helping them reduce their carbon emissions.

4. Making it easier and cheaper for residents to do their bit for climate change

Specific actions we have taken include:

- R. Regularly running campaigns to provide the information residents need
- S. Providing an Energy Advice Service for residents to get information about energy efficiency and renewables.

5. Working with others to make a bigger difference

- U. We have begun working with our LSP to help them develop their own Adaptation Action Plans and ensure the city, as a whole is ready for the effects of climate change. As such are aiming to be one of the first Authorities in the Country to produce an area wide Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.

6. Gaining recognition for our efforts

Leicester City Council is dedicated to reducing the carbon emissions of the city and council by 50% by 2025 and ensuring that our services and residents are protected against the effects of climate change to come.

This statement includes only a few of the first steps we have taken to do this

The work we have done so far has gained us recognition as an Environment City and in 2010 we are celebrating 10 years of EMAS accreditation.

For further details, see www.leicester.gov.uk/climate-change

Signed by:



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Leader of the Council



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Chief Executive

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