

# 2035 Net Zero Council Action Plan

In December 2022, the County Council adopted the 2030 Net Zero Council Action Plan. Since these commitments were made, the Council has been subjected to an increasingly constrained financial position with a significant deficit forecast. In February 2024, in light of this and the estimated increased resources required to reach net zero, the Cabinet resolved to extend the net zero targets to 2035 for Council operations.

Delivered in a  
specific  
timeframe

Ongoing  
actions

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, reprocur 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, inseting within the Council's value chain and other carbon removal practices and techniques.	Environment Branch	Apr-28	Mar-30					

Enabling									
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					