

Climate Emergency FAQs

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Next refresh due October 2022

What actions has the Council taken to reduce its carbon footprint and emissions?

The Council continues to work towards completion of the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan which can be found [here](#)

What reductions have been made to the Council's energy consumption?

Please refer to the most recent Greenhouse Gas Emissions Update, which can be found [here](#)

Has the Council purchased any carbon offsets? If not, does the Council intend to do this?

The Council has not purchased any offsets and currently has no plans to do so

What is the Council doing to encourage use of electric vehicles?

The Council recently purchased its 50th electric vehicle as part of its ongoing EV fleet replacement programme. There are over 30 public chargers, currently free to use, installed in Council owned car parks within the Borough. More EV information can be found [here](#)

Has the Council declared a climate emergency?

Yes, IBC declared a climate emergency on 9th July 2019; the declaration can be found [here](#)

Has the Council produced any policies etc around climate change setting out measures it will take to tackle climate change, becoming carbon neutral etc?

Yes, IBC has produced a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan; the document can be found [here](#)

What measures does your Local Plan include to reflect Net Zero targets?

Policy DM1 found [here](#) provides more detail as to how sustainable buildings can be delivered in Ipswich through the standards for energy and water use for residential development, and BREEAM ratings for non-residential development.

What progress has the Council made in meeting the targets set towards reducing its impact on climate change and achieving its goal of a net-zero carbon position by 2030?

Please refer to the most recent Greenhouse Gas Emissions Update, which can be found [here](#)

Who is the main contact at the Council for Climate Change?

Ian Bowers, Climate Change Project Manager

Which Councillor is climate champion?

Councillor Philip Smart

What steps has the council taken to encourage community / stakeholder involvement?

The Council cascades its climate change policy, action and progress through its Area Committees, locally held community events, and via social media.