SDG\_CAPACities: Integrating the Sustainable Development Goals in Climate Planning in UK and Japan

Record of Information gathered through an online survey

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# Introduction

As part of the networking grant for UK-Japan research collaboration under the grant ES/S013547/1 (Integrating the sustainable development goals into climate planning in British and Japanese cities, SDG\_CAPACities for short), primary information was collected from local government authorities, individuals and academics. This document provides the primary information gathered through an online survey conducted in the UK. The purpose of the survey was to explore the alignment of climate action plans of UK local authorities with sustainable development goals (SDGs) as well as their benefits and barriers. The online survey was a national one, where the main target population was those working with the local government, particularly in the areas of energy, environment and sustainable development. This document contains the survey instrument used, and provides information on the data collection as well as survey data that was obtained as a result. The overall participation in the survey was limited and accordingly, the information may not be representative but the data allows some appreciation of current thinking of local climate actions and their SDG alignment. It also points towards some challenges. The data is being shared publicly to facilitate subsequent use by other users for academic research and studies.

# 2.0 Methodology

The data reported here was collected through an online survey. The survey was undertaken during the COVID pandemic when there were severe restrictions on the movement of people. In line with the government guidance on working from home and staying at home, the University also required its staff to stop any face-to-face interactions with the stakeholders. The online method was chosen as it offered the opportunity of collecting the relevant information while staying within the government directive.

In accordance with the research governance policy of De Montfort University, the project received ethical approval (1819/514) from the Faculty Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and Media. The data collection has complied with the ethical approval given to the project. An example of the participant information sheet is provided in Annex 1.

The survey used a questionnaire consisting of 13 sections (see the instrument below in Annex 2). The instrument relied on interview questionnaire as the starting point (see Box 1 as an example) but adjusted it to suit the purpose of the survey. The instrument was pilot tested using colleagues as De Montfort University. The final instrument was shared via email on 28th July 2020 and the instrument was open for an initial period of one month but the deadline was extended to 20th September, 2020 to allow for further participation.

Box 1: Sample interview questions

1. Please tell me about the climate action and adaption plan of the city?
2. Please elaborate on the activities undertaken in your city as a part of the climate action and adaption plan.
3. What are all the activities done on the city’s climate action plan?
4. What type of challenges and barriers were faced in implementing the climate action plan? How were these challenges addressed?
5. Has the city defined its Sustainable Development Goals? How is the city’s Climate Action Plan linked to these goals, if at all?
6. Over the past years, tell me about the developments in the city that have surprised you the most in terms of climate action plans or sustainable development goals?
7. How effective do you think the actions are to mitigate the climate change effects and adapt to it?
8. Have you observed any impacts or effects of city’s climate action plans? How has the city addressed any adverse impacts?
9. How are the climate action plans covering all populations of the city?
10. Do you think there are any benefits of aligning actions on the climate change and sustainability? Why?

The survey targeted all local governments in the United Kingdom. Local climate actions are undertaken by local governments and accordingly, they are the relevant stakeholders for this survey. To reach the entire target population, the online survey instrument link (:  <https://de-montfort.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sdg-capacities_survey>)  was shared as widely as possible using the following channels:

1. The instrument link was shared with the Climate Emergency Network and the Local Government Agency with a request to distribute the instrument within their network. However, the contact at the Local Government Agency informed that their members are preoccupied with COVID emergency response and that they are not in a position to complete the survey. This required the team to adopt a more personalised approach in distributing the survey instrument.
2. Using an online list of local governments (<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/communications-support/digital-councils/social-media/go-further/a-z-councils-online>), the websites of individual local governments were scanned to identify suitable contacts. Personalised emails were then sent with a request to complete the survey instrument. An example of such an email is given in Box 2.
3. The snowballing technique was also used. Participants were encouraged to share the link with their colleagues or contacts who may be in a position to provide any useful information.
4. The survey instrument was also shared with any existing contacts with the local government agencies. The link was also shared via Twitter and other social media platforms.
5. A reminder was also sent to those contacted via emails encouraging them to complete the survey.

Box 2: Email sent to local government contacts

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to kindly request your participation in our questionnaire related to the ESRC-funded project “Integrating the sustainable development goals into climate planning” (SDG-CAPACities). The purpose of this questionnaire is to explore the alignment of climate action plans of UK local authorities with sustainable development goals (SDGs) as well as their benefits and barriers.

Completing the online survey should take 15 to 20 minutes of your time. Your name, personal details or name of the local authority will not appear on any material arising from this research.   
   
The online survey will be available on the following link until Friday 18th of September 2020: <https://de-montfort.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sdg-capacities_survey>   
   
If you have any questions about the questionnaire or the project, please feel free to contact XXX or YYY.

We will appreciate very much the participation of your local authority in this research.

Kind regards,

XXX

# 3.0 Record of survey data

The survey received 8 responses only. The data is anonymised and any reference that could identify the participant has been removed.

1. Type of local authority: Unitary authority 3; County council 2; District council 2; and London Borough 1;
2. Respondent’s department: Environment/ Sustainability 7; other 1;
3. Size of the city in terms of inhabitants: between 60,000 and 175,000 – 2; above 175,000 - 5; no response 1;
4. Geographical location in England: South-east 2; West Midlands 2; East Midlands 3; North West 1;
5. Local climate strategies/ plans developed: climate management 1; climate mitigation plan 6; climate adaptation 3; energy strategy 2; sustainable development strategy 3;
6. Stakeholder participation in the local strategy plan development

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stakeholder category | Very limited | Limited | Sufficiently | Satisfactorily | Very satisfactorily |
| Politicians |  |  | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Other council departments | 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Academia |  | 5 | 1 | 2 |  |
| Business | 2 | 5 |  | 1 |  |
| Charities and NGOs |  | 5 | 1 | 2 |  |
| Community or civil society organisations |  | 2 | 2 | 4 |  |
| Housing associations |  | 7 | 1 |  |  |
| Energy or water utilities | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |  |
| Media | 2 | 3 | 3 |  |  |

1. Factors facilitating or hindering council’s actions

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Factors | Not applicable | Substantial obstacle | Minor obstacle | Not a factor | Minor enabler | Substantial enabler |
| Financial resource availability |  | 8 |  |  |  |  |
| Conflict/ convergence with other budget priorities |  | 4 | 3 | 1 |  |  |
| Staff expertise |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Staff time availability |  | 2 | 4 |  | 2 |  |
| Information availability |  |  | 2 | 1 |  | 5 |
| Political will |  |  |  |  | 3 | 5 |
| Community engagement |  |  |  | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Collaboration with private and voluntary sectors |  |  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Coordination with regional and national institutions |  |  | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Conflict/ convergence with national policies |  |  | 1 | 6 | 1 |  |
| Action/ inaction in central government |  | 4 | 1 |  | 3 |  |

1. Agreement/ disagreement with the indicated policies

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Policy | Not applicable | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
| Improve energy efficiency in homes and businesses |  |  |  | 3 | 5 |  |
| Increase local renewable energy generation |  |  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Affordable warmth for low income |  |  |  | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Decarbonise private and public transport | 2 |  | 2 |  | 4 |  |
| Affordable, safe and quality housing | 1 |  | 1 | 3 | 3 |  |
| Access to safe transport and other services for disabled and vulnerable population | 1 |  | 1 | 2 | 4 |  |
| SME skills and innovation |  | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |  |
| Reduce local air pollutants |  |  | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Promotion of sustainable business practices | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |
| Improve access to digital infrastructure | 2 |  |  | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3R policies for municipal solid waste management |  |  | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Reduction of plastic waste |  |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |
| Promote local and sustainable food production |  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |  |
| Reduce food loss and waste |  | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |  |
| Promote wellbeing and healthy-lifestyles |  |  |  | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Reduce water pollution and improve water quality of river/ lakes | 1 |  |  | 4 | 3 |  |
| Promote water conservation and water efficiency in homes and businesses |  |  | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |
| Access to public spaces |  |  |  |  | 7 | 1 |
| Awareness for climate-resilient communities |  |  |  | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Infrastructure upgradation | 1 |  | 2 | 5 |  |  |
| Sustainable forest management | 2 |  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Support natural ecosystem and services |  |  | 1 |  | 6 | 1 |
| Support sustainable marine and coastal ecosystem management | 5 |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| Enhance civic participation |  |  | 1 |  | 4 | 3 |
| Participate in international collaboration | 2 |  |  | 2 | 1 | 3 |

1. Factors facilitating/ hindering SDG integration in climate policies

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Description | Not applicable | Substantial obstacle | Minor obstacle | Not a factor | Minor enabler | Substantial enabler |
| Co-benefits at lower cost or with enhanced impacts | 1 |  |  | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Interlinkages / synergies between SDGs | 1 |  |  | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Communication/ coordination with other council departments | 1 |  | 2 | 2 | 3 |  |
| Complexity of SDG goals and targets | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |  | 1 |
| Involvement of a wide range of stakeholders | 1 |  | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Data availability | 1 |  |  | 4 | 2 | 1 |

1. Extent of SDG engagement of local authorities

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very limited | Limited | Sufficient | Satisfactory | Very Satisfactory |
| SDG in local policy frameworks | 1 | 5 | 2 |  |  |
| Awareness and communication campaign | 6 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Priorities based on SDGs | 5 | 2 |  | 1 |  |
| Localised SDGs | 4 | 3 |  | 1 |  |
| Synergies and links with regional/ national SDG strategies | 2 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Actions and resources for SDG priority implementation | 4 | 3 | 1 |  |  |
| SDG-based plan or SDG alignment | 6 | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Local institution and governance frameworks | 7 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Council-level collection, monitoring and analysis of data | 4 | 3 |  | 1 |  |
| Participate in the national level monitoring and evaluation of SDGs | 6 | 2 |  |  |  |

# Appendix 1: Participant information sheet

Research Project: **Integrating the sustainable development goals into climate planning in British and Japanese cities**

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Research students or research staff engaged by the project can also carry out the activities.

Project reference: ES/S013547/1

We invite you to take part in a research activity as part of a research study being undertaken collaboratively by the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development of De Montfort University and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan). This information sheet provides background information, describes your participation and informs about your rights as a participant. Please read this carefully and feel free to request any clarification or additional information as appropriate.

Background of the research study

Through this social science research collaboration between De Montfort University (UK) and the Institute for Global Energy Strategies (Japan), we are working on the timely theme of making climate planning more sustainable in cities in United Kingdom and Japan. The world is urbanising rapidly and more than 50% of the global population now lives in cities around the world. As the economic output is concentrated in cities, their contribution to climate change is significant and growing rapidly. While many cities have climate action plans and city administrations are seemingly well-positioned to align their climate change plans with other sustainable development concerns, little is known about the sustainability of city climate plans. Relatively little is known about the steps cities are taking to make climate plan sustainable. In fact, whether and to what extent cities are making links between their climate and sustainability objectives remains an open question. This study aims to fill this knowledge gap through a number of distinct activities. We have developed a list of cities that have already produced climate change plan and we are developing screening criteria to help identify the links and gaps between that climate plan and the SDGs. The screening criteria will be used to create a shortlist of cities in both countries to determine the status of integration of Sustainable Development Goals in climate action plans, identify the reasons for weak alignment and find ways of improving the linkage. This scoping exercise would consist of interviews and surveys with a manageable number of cities in both Japan and the United Kingdom.

In the final phase, the research teams in both countries would develop a set of knowledge products and learning materials that would summarise the preliminary results of the networking and then scoping phase.

Participant selection

We are selecting participants who we believe would be able to provide useful insights regarding the climate action plans of cities, their sustainability plans and the challenges they face and could share views about the potential for integration of the sustainable city agenda into climate actions. We have considered participants from city councils (working in the areas of climate change, sustainability, energy issues and long-term planning and development), academics, consultants, NGOs, environmental agencies. Participants are identified through an internet search of city councils, their policy and planning documents, academic publications, and other secondary sources (reports, news articles, etc.). References from participants through snowballing approach have also been followed.

Voluntary participation

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You have no obligation to participate in this study. You may decide not to answer any of the questions if you wish. You may also decide to withdraw from this study at any time by advising the researcher interviewing you or by emailing [subhesb@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:subhesb@dmu.ac.uk) or using the contact detail at the end of this document. If you notify us of your withdrawal, all identifiable data will be destroyed. Once data has been anonymised it will be impossible to identify the origin and cannot be destroyed.

We may ask for clarification of issues raised through your participation and we may contact you subsequently, but you will not be obliged in any way to clarify or participate further.

Your involvement

We are requesting your participation in this research through a semi-structured interview of approximately 30 minutes in length to take place by arrangement. We will initially contact you by email or telephone. If interview is not feasible for any reason, we can send the questions by email or using a web-based application or by post for your participation.

Rights and confidentiality

The information you provide is confidential, except that with your permission anonymised quotes may be used. If you request confidentiality, beyond anonymised quotes, information you provide will be treated only as a source of background information, alongside literature-based research and interviews with others.

Your name or any other personal identifying information will not appear in any publications resulting from this study; neither will there be anything to identify your place of work.

The information gained from this interview will only be used for the above objectives, will not be used for any other purpose and will not be recorded in excess of what is required for the research. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, your data and personal details will not be shared with third parties.

Even though the study findings will be published in international conferences and journals, only the research team will have access to the interview data itself. There are no known or anticipated risks to you as a participant in this study.

Complaints procedure

In the unlikely event of any complaint or any issue that cannot be addressed by the researcher, please feel free to approach the Principal Investigator of the study for resolution of your issue. You can contact Professor Subhes Bhattacharyya via email ([subhesb@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:subhesb@dmu.ac.uk)).

If you have any questions regarding this study or would like additional information please ask the researcher before, during, or after the interview or contact [subhesb@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:subhesb@dmu.ac.uk)

# Appendix 2: SDG-CAPACities\_survey

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The purpose of this questionnaire is to explore the alignment of climate action plans of UK local authorities with sustainable development goals (SDGs) as well as their benefits and barriers as part of the ESRC project “Integrating the sustainable development goals into climate planning in British and Japanese cities.” This project aims to develop an understanding about climate planning and SDG awareness of cities in two countries. By completing this questionnaire, you are helping us to improve this understanding.

This work is conducted by researchers at the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development (IESD) in De Montfort University. The data will be used in reports to the project funders, academic papers, and conference presentations.

**What does it involve?**

We would like you to complete this online questionnaire. Completing this survey should take 15 to 20 minutes of your time. Your name and personal details will not appear on any material arising from this research.

**Voluntary participation**

You may decide to drop out from this study at any time. To do so, simply stop answering the questions and close your Internet browser. If you would like that your answers are removed from this study after you have completed the questionnaire, please contact the researcher at the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development using the details below.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to discuss them with Leticia Ozawa- Meida (lozawa-meida@dmu.ac.uk).

We can assure you that the methodology for the data collection has been reviewed and approved by the De Montfort University Human Research Ethics committee (Research Ethics Application Approval 1819/514). Only the researchers at De Montfort University will have access to the collected data.

Do you agree to participate in this study?  *Required*



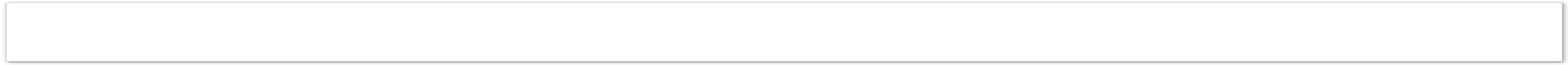
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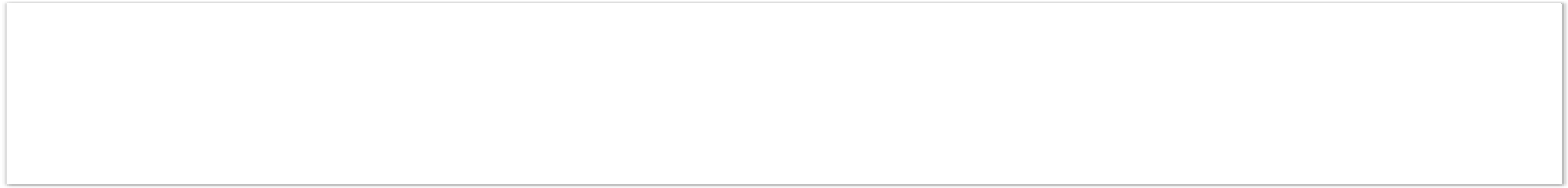
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**About your local council**

Please provide the name of your local council:

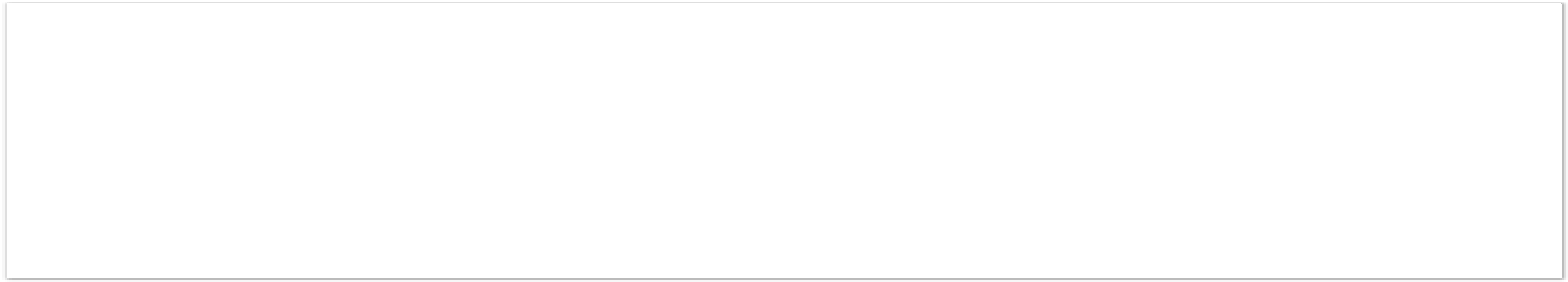


Please indicate the type of local authority of your council:



Unitary authority County council District council Metropolitan district London borough

Please indicate the department where you work in your local council:



Environmental/Sustainability Planning

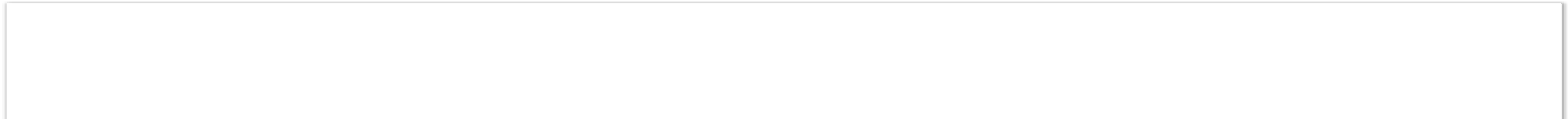
Health and social care Education

Transport

Leisure and culture Finance

Other

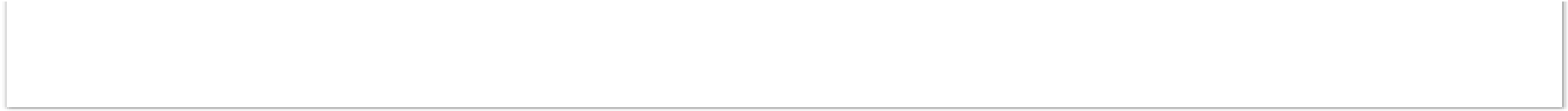
What is the size of your city in terms of inhabitants?



Less than 7,500

Between 7,500 and 24,999

Between 25,000 and 59,999

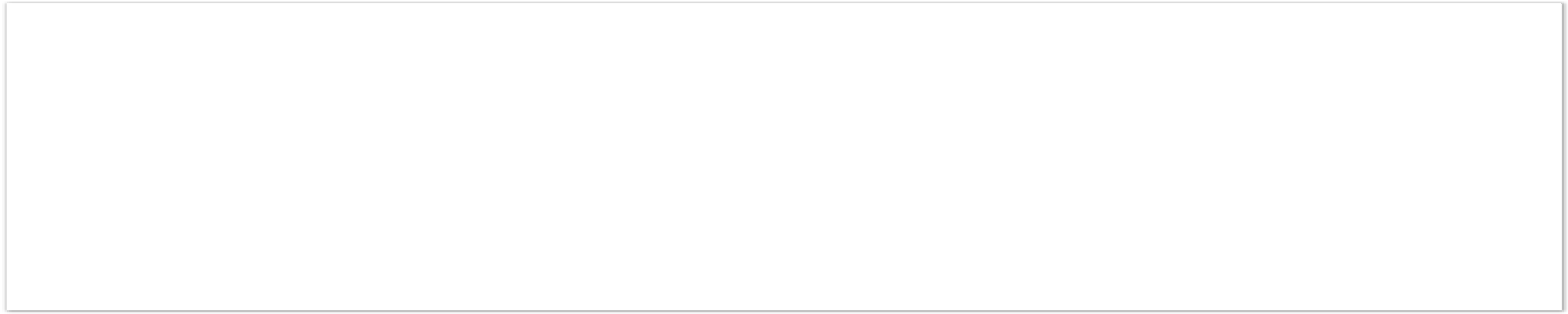


Between 60,000 and 174,999

More than 175,000

Considered as a major population and economic centre

Where is your city/council located?



Scotland Wales

Northern Ireland South west of England South east of England West Midlands

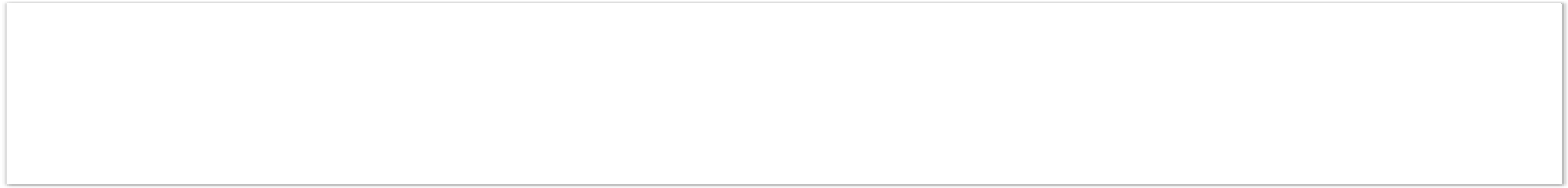
East Midlands (includes East Anglia) North west of England

North east of England

**About climate planning in your local authority**

Regarding to climate policies, which of the following local strategies or plans have been developed and published by your council? Please tick all options that apply.

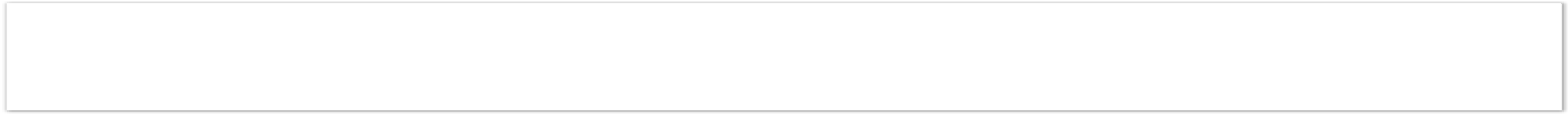
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Carbon management plan Climate mitigation plan Climate adaptation plan Energy strategy

Sustainable development strategy

Does your local authority have a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target? Please provide details of the absolute or relative emissions reduction target, by when, baseline year.



To what extent are the following stakeholders involved in the formulation and monitoring of climate mitigation and adaptation policies?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very limited | Limited | Sufficiently | Satisfactorily | Very satisfactorily |
| Politicians (MPs, Counsellors) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Council departments |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Businesses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charities or NGOs |  |  |  |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Community or civil society organisations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Associations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy or water utilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Media |  |  |  |  |  |

To what extent do you think that the following factors facilitate or hinder the ability of implementing local climate mitigation or adaptation actions...?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not applicable | Substantial obstacle | Minor obstacle | Not a factor | Minor enabler | Substantial enabler |
| Financial resource availability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conflict/convergence with other budget priorities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Staff expertise |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Staff time availability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information availability (e.g. data, modelling tools, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Political will in decision-making |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community engagement |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Collaboration with private and voluntary sectors |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coordination with regional and central institutions |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Conflict/convergence with regional or national policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Action/inaction in central government |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Regarding the council’s climate mitigation and adaptation policies, to what extent do you agree or disagree that these policies have been effective to…

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not applicable | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neither agree, nor disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
| Improve energy efficiency in homes and businesses |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increase local renewable energy generation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support low income and vulnerable households for affordable warmth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Decarbonise public and private transport in the city |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide access to affordable, safe and quality housing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide access to safe public transport and other services for disabled and vulnerable people |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve skills and support innovation in SMEs related to renewable energy, energy efficiency or climate protection |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduce local air pollutants, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, etc |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promote business sustainable practices (eco-friendly processes and technologies, circular economy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Improve access to digital infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Decrease municipal solid waste through reduce, reuse and recycling |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduction of plastic waste |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promote local and sustainable food production |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduce food loss and food waste |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promote well-being and healthy lifestyles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduce water pollution and improve water quality of rivers and lakes within the council |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promote water conservation and water efficiency at homes and businesses |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improve access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raise awareness to strengthen community resilience to climate- related hazards and natural disasters |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Upgrade infrastructure to become more resilient to climate change impacts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support the sustainable management of all type of forests in the council |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Support the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of natural ecosystems, their services and their biodiversity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support the sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enhance civic participation in local climate policy development |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participate in cities’ international collaboration projects and initiatives related to climate protection |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Integration of Sustainable Development Goals in local policy**

To what extent do you think that the following factors facilitate or hinder the ability to integrate Sustainable Development Goals into climate action plans...?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not applicable | Substantial obstacle | Minor obstacle | Not a factor | Minor enabler | Substantial enabler |
| Co-benefits at lower costs or with enhanced impact |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inter-linkages/synergies between SDGs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication/coordination with different council’s departments |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Complexity of SD goals and targets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Involvement of a wider range of stakeholders |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of relevant economic, social and environmental local data |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Please indicate to what extent your local authority conducts the following activities in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals:

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

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|  | Very limited | Limited | Sufficient | Satisfactory | Very satisfactory |
| Include the SDGs in the council’s own policy frameworks |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carry out SDG-related awareness-raising and communication campaigns |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Establish priorities relating to the 17 SDGs based on local contexts, needs and resources |  |  |  |  |  |
| Develop a set of localised SDG indicators, specific to the council |  |  |  |  |  |
| Identify and build on synergies and links with regional and/or national SDG strategies |  |  |  |  |  |
| Identify the actions and resources needed to implement local priority areas of the SDGs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draft an ad-hoc SDG- based plan for the council or align existing plans with the SDGs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Set up local institutional arrangements and governance frameworks to support the implementation of the SDGs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Collect, monitor and analyse SDG-related data at the council level |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participate in the monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs at national level |  |  |  |  |  |

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**Final page**

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire. Your input will help us to understand better the opportunities and challenges faced by local authorities in integrating SDGs with local climate plans.