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(CCC) Climate Change
1. Which local authority do you represent?
2. Is achieving Net-Zero CO2 a priority for your local authority? Yes No
3. How does your local authority monitor CO2 emissions?
4. What are the barriers, if any, of your local authority achieving Net-Zero CO2?
5. Does your local authority have a strategy for achieving Net-Zero for any of the sectors below? (Tick if appropriate) None Transport Waste Highways Education Environmental Health
Other (please specify)
6. Does your local authority have a strategy specifically for achieving Net-Zero within the social housing stock? Yes No
7. Does your local authority have a heating replacement strategy for the social housing stock?
Yes No
8. Does your local authority have an insulating retrofit programme for the social housing stock?

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Yes

No

9. Does your local authority have a programme for alternative energy productions within social housing other than gas or mains electricity? E.g. solar, district heating, air/ ground source heat pumps?

Yes

No

10. Are measures being put in place to change tenant behaviours when retrofit programmes occur?

Yes

No

## Response

- 1. Which local authority do you represent? Cambridge City Council
- 2. Is achieving Net-Zero CO2 a priority for your local authority? Yes
- 3. How does your local authority monitor CO2 emissions?

The Council has measured and published its greenhouse has (GHG) report detailing the total gross greenhouse gas emissions from the Council's buildings, fleet and business mileage on an annual basis since 2014/15. The Greenhouse Gas Reports can be found at the bottom of this page on the Council's website: www.cambridge.gov.uk/carbon-management-plan. The Council uses the UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics which are produced by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), to monitor carbon emissions from the city of Cambridge as a whole.

- 4. What are the barriers, if any, of your local authority achieving Net-Zero CO2? The Council is taking action to reduce its direct carbon emissions (from its buildings, fleet and business mileage) as far as possible, with the goal of being net zero carbon by 2030. However, there may be a limit to the decarbonisation that can be achieved in some buildings owned by the Council due to the age, construction and site constraints that make it very difficult and costly to insulate and install low carbon heating technologies.
- 5. Does your local authority have a strategy for achieving Net-Zero for any of the sectors below? (Tick if appropriate)

None - ticked

**Transport** 

Waste

Highways

Education

## **Environmental Health**

Other (please specify) The Council does not have separate net zero strategies for these sectors, but the Council's climate change strategy does set a vision for Cambridge to be net zero carbon and include objectives on transport and waste.

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As a district Council, the Council is not responsible for Highways and Education in Cambridge – these are the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council.

- 6. Does your local authority have a strategy specifically for achieving Net-Zero within the social housing stock?
- No this is included within the Housing objective of the Council's climate change strategy.
- 7. Does your local authority have a heating replacement strategy for the social housing stock?

Yes Part of planned works.

8. Does your local authority have an insulating retrofit programme for the social housing stock?

Yes This is being done as part of planned works including full house retrofit trials. The Council is investing £2.5 million in energy efficiency improvements to some Council homes with poor energy efficiency ratings (predominantly Energy Performance Certificate D to G rated stock) from 2020/21 to 2021/22, with the aim of reaching a minimum EPC C (B where possible). The Council is also planning to deliver a pilot scheme to test the 'real world' costs of retrofitting to a net zero carbon standard in 50 Council properties.

9. Does your local authority have a programme for alternative energy productions within social housing other than gas or mains electricity? E.g., solar, district heating, air/ ground source heat pumps?

No No programme as yet however trials are being done (see answer to q8 above) 10. Are measures being put in place to change tenant behaviours when retrofit programmes occur?

No Not currently however as part of the retrofit trial we are going to consult with tenants and ensure after care training is delivered to the tenant.

Further gueries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk