

### (CCC) Budget allocated to sustainability

We are looking to understand how much the council has budgeted to spend and invest in sustainability this financial year, we would be interested, specifically, what has been allocated to help contribute to carbon emissions reduction targets and to climate change adaptation.

#### Response:

Budgets for sustainability activity are allocated to a range of different Council services. We have provided details of the budgets which relate directly to sustainability in the tables below. The total value of these budgets is £3,032,753. In addition to this, a number of other Council services, including Property Services, Commercial Services, and the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service devote staff time and resources to delivering projects and services that have a significant climate change and sustainability impact.

The Council's current Climate Change Strategy for 2016-2021 sets out specific objectives and actions relating to carbon reduction and climate change adaptation, and we are currently developing a new strategy for 2016-2021. The strategy is available on the Council's website here: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/climate-change-strategy>

The tables below show budgets relating to carbon reduction and climate change adaptation activities. However, it should be noted that some activities delivered by Council services help deliver both carbon reduction and adaptation benefits. For example, tree planting and management helps absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and it also helps reduce overheating resulting from hotter summer temperatures by providing shade and cooling.

#### Carbon reduction budgets

Budget name	2020/21 budget (£)
Corporate Strategy - Sustainable City budget for climate change and sustainability activities	£78,780
Corporate Strategy - Sustainable City Grants budget, which provides annual grants to voluntary and community groups	£30,000
Corporate Strategy - Climate Change Fund, which funds energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to reduce carbon emissions from the Council's estate	£100,000
Environmental Services – environmental projects budget, including energy efficiency in private homes and a project focussing on electric vehicle charging points for taxis in Cambridge	£448,700
Estates and Facilities – Capital budget for improving the energy	£1,884,000

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efficiency of existing Council homes	
Housing Development Agency – budget for an interim Sustainable Housing Design Guide, which will identify sustainability standards for new Council homes	£25,000
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service - Net zero carbon study for the evidence base for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan	£85,980
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service - Energy Infrastructure Capacity Study and Energy Masterplan for the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan	£35,300

### **Adaptation budgets**

<b>Budget name</b>	<b>2020/21 budget (£)</b>
Environmental Services – budget for maintaining and sustaining trees in Cambridge	£240,000
Environmental Services – budget for development of a new Biodiversity strategy and for a project to improve chalk streams in Cambridge	£30,000
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service - Integrated Water Management Study for the evidence base for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan	£74,993

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)