

## **CDP disclosure: Supporting local authorities in the UK**

[CDP](#) is a global environmental non-profit organisation that helps investors, companies, local authorities, and regions assess their environmental impact and take urgent action to build a sustainable economy.

Local governments are leading the transition to a sustainable economy by setting ambitious low carbon and resilient goals and policies that create better places for people to live and work. With the growing number of climate emergency declarations and the UK hosting [COP26](#) next year – it is important that local authorities get the support they need to respond to the growing demand for climate action. In response to this and with the kind support of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, CDP is working with cities in the UK to help them set and meet ambitious, evidence-driven climate objectives.

In particular, CDP is:

- ▼ Supporting local authorities to improve transparency by reporting their climate data publicly;
- ▼ Providing local authorities with insights and resources to set and meet their climate targets;
- ▼ Engaging local authorities through events, webinars and working groups to enable peer-learning and information exchange;
- ▼ Providing cities relevant mitigation and adaptation tools and services;
- ▼ Delivering data and insights to inform partners and policy-makers about local government ambitions.

**Over 920 local and regional governments worldwide** are measuring and disclosing environmental data through [CDP and ICLEI's unified reporting system](#) in order to manage emissions, build resilience, protect themselves from climate impacts and create better places for people to live and work.

In 2019, **19 local authorities disclosed to CDP** in the UK covering a total population almost 25% of the UK population, including: Bath and North East Somerset, BCP Council, Bradford, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Coventry, Glasgow, Greater London, Greater Manchester, Leicester, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Norwich, Perth and Kinross, Plymouth, Somerset West and Taunton, St. Davids and Wolverhampton. In addition, Wales and Scotland also disclose through CDP.

Our **free to use** platform will be open for the next cycle in **April 2020** where local authorities will have several months to respond to our [questionnaire](#).

### **Benefits of disclosing through CDP:**

- ▼ Measure and monitor your progress through our [questionnaire](#) to ensure you are strategically tackling and considering both [mitigation](#) and [adaptation](#) actions;
- ▼ Benchmark performance and gain insight through our [case studies](#), [scoring](#), [analytics](#) and [Open Data Portal](#);
- ▼ Participate in events, [webinars](#) and working groups to learn best practice to improve your climate actions
- ▼ Join the world's leading city climate initiatives and programs. Participate in the [Global Covenant of Mayors](#), and initiatives offered by our partners [ICLEI](#), [C40](#) and [WWF](#);
- ▼ Learn how to [engage with companies](#) in your area to help deliver your climate target.

*Bristol is excited to be working with a newly streamlined and supported reporting mechanism. We realise the importance of being transparent and accountable, and anticipate that the reporting process will be much easier through the unified platform. CDP have dedicated UK officers to support us with our reporting, and we look forward to hearing more about their developing initiatives, which will help us to meet our new ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030.*

**Anna Jones, Bristol City Council**

**CDP produces reports and insights for local authorities, below are some examples:**

Over 260 local authorities across the UK have declared a climate emergency following the release of the [IPCC 1.5 report](#). Disclosure ensures that there is transparency and accountability in meeting the climate crisis. Below are targets that were disclosed to CDP in 2019.

2020	EMISSIONS REDUCTION	Bournemouth City Council	30%
		Cardiff City Council	26%
		Coventry City Council	27.50%
2025	EMISSIONS REDUCTION	Leicester City Council	50%
2030	CARBON NEUTRAL	Bath & North East Somerset	
		Bristol City Council	
2038	ZERO CARBON	Plymouth City Council	
		Somerset & West Taunton	
2050	100% CLEAN ENERGY	Greater Manchester	
		Manchester City Council	
2050	100% CLEAN ENERGY	Greater London Authority	
		Norwich City Council	
		Over 90 local authorities through <a href="#">UK100</a>	



**Key partners and affiliations relevant in the UK:**

CDP works closely with our partners to ensure local authorities receive the tools necessary to help accelerate their climate action. Here are some of the relevant tools available to local authorities:

Join the [Global Covenant of Mayors \(GCoM\)](#), the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, built upon the commitments of over 10,000 cities.

[ICLEI](#) – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.

[C40](#) is a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change. Visit their knowledge hub [here](#).

CDP is partnered with [C40](#) and [WBCSD](#) to develop [City-Business Climate Alliances](#). View our guidebook [here](#).

Local authorities can commit to 100% clean energy by 2050 through [UK100](#)

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The [Tyndall Centre](#) has produced a [carbon budget tool](#) for local authorities in the UK.

Funded by BEIS, and developed by [Anthesis](#), the [SCATTER tool](#) (Setting City Area Targets and Trajectories for Emissions Reduction) is available for local authorities to provide them with an evidence base from which to build their ambitious carbon reduction plans.

[Ashden](#) has produced a [Climate Action Co-benefits Toolkit](#) to help local authorities demonstrate how action on climate change can deliver many local benefits.

[Ashden](#) with [Friends of the Earth](#) have put together a [list of the most effective actions](#) councils can take on climate.

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