

# 2025 Council Climate Action Scorecards

Climate Emergency UK assessed all UK councils on the actions they've taken towards net zero between January 2020 and October 2024.

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We've summarised the key findings from across the 22 councils in Wales to provide a Welsh overview of these councils' results in the 2025 Council Climate Action Scorecards.

Whilst the scores vary across Wales, it is noticeable that, of the lowest scoring councils in the UK, none are Welsh or Scottish, with scores for Welsh councils ranging from 23% to 48%.

Whilst most legislation is similar across the 4 nations, in 2017 the Welsh Government set the ambition of achieving a carbon neutral public sector by 2030, which includes councils.

## 2025 average score and 2023 comparison<sup>1</sup>

by council type

**37%** Wales ▲ 7

**23%** Lowest council score  
**48%** Highest council score

**42%** England ▲ 7  
Single Tier councils only


**39%** Scotland ▲ 5

**24%** Northern Ireland ▲ 3

### LEADING THE WAY

 **15 out of 22** ▲ 1 council versus 2023  
councils have 100% green tariff<sup>2</sup>

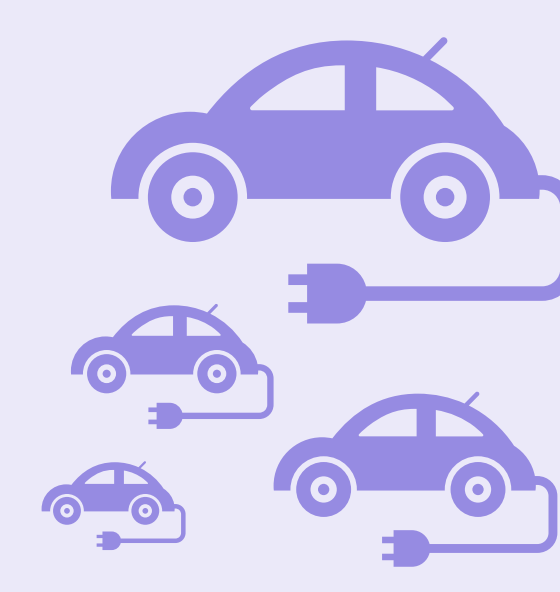
 **100%** ▲ 4 versus 2023  
of councils have committed to mowing their green spaces less for wildlife<sup>3</sup>


 **100%** No change versus 2023  
of Welsh councils sends less than 300kg of waste per household to landfill<sup>4</sup>

**5** councils in the UK recycle more than 70% of their waste<sup>5</sup> ▲ 1 council versus 2023  
They are all Welsh: Bridgend, Conwy Council, Pembrokeshire, Vale of Glamorgan and Swansea


- (1) Nation comparison available at: <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/nations/>  
Check the Scorecards results for Welsh Local Authorities at: <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/nations/wales/>  
(2) Buildings & Heating, Q2 - Are the council's operations powered by renewable energy?  
(3) Biodiversity, Q.3 - Has the council stated they are mowing their green spaces less for wildlife?  
(4) Waste Reduction & Food, Q.9 - How low is the councils' area wide level of household waste produced?  
(5) Waste Reduction & Food, Q.8 - How high is the councils' area wide annual recycling rate?  
(6) Transport, Q.1 - Is the council transitioning their vehicle fleet to electric?  
(7) C&E Q.2b - Has the council published an up to date and easy-to-read annual report on their Climate Action Plan?  
(8) Governance & Finance, Q.5 - Has the council adopted a new governance or decision making process to put tackling the climate emergency at the heart of every council decision made?  
(9) Governance & Finance, Q.9 - Have all senior management and councillors in the cabinet or committee chairs received climate awareness training?  
(10) Planning, Q.3c - Does the council set a requirement that all new homes to be built must be operationally (regulated) net zero?

### MAKING PROGRESS

 **7 out of 22** ▲ 3 councils versus 2023  
councils have 10% or more of their council fleet as electric vehicles<sup>6</sup>

 **12 out of 22** No change versus 2023  
councils have published an annual report on their Climate Action Plan<sup>7</sup>

 **14 out of 22** ▲ 10 councils versus 2023  
councils list climate implications on council decisions<sup>8</sup>

 **2 out of 22** No change versus 2023  
of councils have trained all their senior staff and councillors who are cabinet or committee chairs in climate awareness<sup>9</sup>

**1** council, Bridgend, requires new homes to be built to operationally net zero standards by 2030<sup>10</sup>

No change versus 2023

