



# Wales

We've summarised the key findings from across the 22 councils in Wales to provide a Welsh overview of these councils' results in the 2023 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.

And, whilst most legislation is the same across all 4 nations, in Wales in 2017, the Welsh Government set the ambition of achieving a carbon neutral public sector by 2030, which includes Welsh councils.

## Average score by Nation

**30% Wales<sup>1</sup>**

—13% Lowest Welsh council score

—39% Highest Welsh council score

**35% England**  
Single Tier councils only

**34% Scotland**

**21% Northern Ireland**

## LEADING THE WAY

**21 out of 22**

— Welsh councils have committed to mowing their green spaces less for wildlife<sup>2</sup> – the highest of any UK nation

— Welsh councils recycle more than 60% of their waste<sup>3</sup>



**20 mph** is the default speed limit for all residential roads in Wales<sup>4</sup>

**4**

councils in the UK recycle more than 70% of their waste<sup>3</sup> – they are all located in Wales:

Bridgend · Conwy  
Pembrokeshire · Vale of Glamorgan



(1) See Welsh council scores here → <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/?country=3> · (2) Biodiversity Q1 Has the council committed to mowing their green spaces less for wildlife? · (3) Waste Reduction & Food Q8 How high is the council's area wide annual recycling rate? · (4) Transport Q4 Is the council committed to making 20mph the standard speed limit for most restricted roads? · (5) Collaboration & Engagement Q2b Has the council published an up to date and easy-to-read annual report on their Climate Action Plan? · (6) Transport Q1 Is the council transitioning their vehicle fleet to electric? · (7) Governance & Finance Q5 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? · (8) Waste Reduction & Food Q6 Do schools in the council area serve less meat in school meals? · (9) Governance & Finance Q9 Have all senior management and councillors in the cabinet or committee chairs received climate awareness training? · (10) Planning & Land Use Q3c Does the council set a requirement that all new homes to be built must be operationally (regulated) net zero?

## ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

**11 out of 22**

Welsh councils have published an annual report on their Climate Action Plan<sup>5</sup>

**4 out of 22**

— Welsh councils have 10% or more of their council fleet as electric vehicles<sup>6</sup>

— Welsh councils list climate implications on full council decisions<sup>7</sup>

**3 out of 22**

Welsh councils provide at least one complete vegetarian meal in schools each week<sup>8</sup>

## FALLING BEHIND

**2 out of 22**

Welsh 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>