

## Mayoral Authorities Climate Action

Devolution is one of the top agenda points for the Labour government, with more powers and funding transferred to mayoral authorities and more Mayors being created across England. So, what are the mayoral authorities<sup>1</sup> doing on climate action?

The Scorecards show the current powers the mayoral authorities have and the climate action they are taking<sup>2</sup> - with the average score at 51% and the scores ranging from 21% to 66%. Actions include clean energy planning, green skills training, better public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and funding for community climate and nature action. The Scorecards methodology that assesses Mayors and their combined authorities is distinct because the powers are so different compared to the other types of English local authority.

The role of the Mayors will become more important especially as integrated settlements (large sums of money) are awarded with more flexibility on how this is spent. Although limited, fundraising powers, like the ability to levy “Tourist Taxes”, could also be used to support local business decarbonisation or safer, cleaner and greener high streets.

### LEADING THE WAY

 **7 out of 9** ▲ 2 versus 2023  
**mayoral authorities have trained over 1,000 people in green skills<sup>3</sup>**

 **7 out of 9** No change versus 2023  
**mayoral authorities include the region's net zero target in their Transport Plan<sup>4</sup>**

 **8 out of 9** ▲ 1 versus 2023  
**mayoral authorities include climate in their decision making process<sup>5</sup>**

### ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

 **4 out of 9** ▼ 1 versus 2023  
**have supported community energy<sup>6</sup>**

 **5 out of 9** ▼ 2 versus 2023  
**mayoral authorities produced an annual climate update report<sup>7</sup>**

 **6 out of 9** No change versus 2023  
**provided funding for community action to tackle the nature crisis<sup>8</sup>**

### FALLING BEHIND

 **3 out of 9**  
**mayoral authorities include climate risks in their Corporate Risk Register<sup>9</sup>**

 **4 out of 9**  
**mayoral authorities have electric buses as 10% or more of their regions bus fleet, despite 8 authorities having fully targets for zero emission fleets by 2040 or sooner<sup>10</sup>**



(1) In the 2025 Scorecards we assessed 9 mayoral authorities, including: The Greater London Authority, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, West Midlands Combined Authority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, West of England Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, South Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

(2) The comparisons between the 2023 and 2025 Action Scorecards do not include the North of Tyne and North East Combined Authorities. Therefore we are comparing the 9 authorities we scored in 2025 with how they scored in 2023.

(3) Buildings & Heating & Green Skills (CA) - Q9b: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s1\\_b\\_h\\_gs\\_ca\\_q9b/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s1_b_h_gs_ca_q9b/)

(4) Transport (CA) - Q1a: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s2\\_tran\\_ca\\_q1a/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s2_tran_ca_q1a/)

(5) Governance & Finance (CA) - Q6: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s4\\_g\\_f\\_ca\\_q6/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s4_g_f_ca_q6/)

(6) Buildings & Heating & Green Skills (CA) - Q2: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s1\\_b\\_h\\_gs\\_ca\\_q2/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s1_b_h_gs_ca_q2/)

(7) Collaboration & Engagement (CA) - Q1b: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s5\\_c\\_e\\_ca\\_q1b/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s5_c_e_ca_q1b/)

(8) Planning & Biodiversity (CA) - Q6: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s3\\_p\\_b\\_ca\\_q6/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s3_p_b_ca_q6/)

(9) Collaboration & Engagement (CA) - Q3: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s4\\_g\\_f\\_ca\\_q3/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s4_g_f_ca_q3/)

(10) Transport (CA) - Questions 4c and 4a: [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s2\\_tran\\_ca\\_q4c/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s2_tran_ca_q4c/); [https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s2\\_tran\\_ca\\_q4a/](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s2_tran_ca_q4a/)

