



Scotland

We've summarised the key findings from across the councils in Scotland to provide a Scottish overview of these councils' results in the 2023 Council Climate Action Scorecards.

Whilst the scores vary across Scotland, it is noticeable that, of the lowest scoring councils in the UK, none are Welsh or Scottish.

Whilst most legislation is the same across all 4 nations, in Scotland they have set a net zero target for 2045 and Scottish councils have a statutory duty to contribute towards this, as well as to report on their emissions.

Average score

by Nation

34% Scotland¹

17% Lowest council score
58% Highest council score

30% Wales

21% Northern Ireland

35% England
Single Tier councils only

LEADING THE WAY

81% of councils owned social housing is energy efficient², EPC band C or higher³

97% councils have published an annual report on their Climate Action Plan⁴

All Scottish councils report on their own operational carbon emissions⁵

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

11 out of 32

councils have 10% or more of their council fleet as electric vehicles⁶

8 out of 32

councils provide at least one complete vegetarian meal in schools each week⁷

7 out of 32

councils have a renewable energy tariff or generate renewable energy equal to 20% of their own energy use⁸

FALLING BEHIND

3 out of 32

councils have stopped using all pesticides⁹

councils have an ongoing way for residents to influence the implementation of the council's Climate Action Plan¹⁰

1 council, Edinburgh, requires new homes to be built to operationally net zero standards by 2030¹¹



(1) See Scottish council scores here → <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/?country=2> • (2) This is 81% out of 26 Scottish councils that directly owned or manage social housing • (3) **Buildings & Heating Q3** - Are the homes owned and managed by the council energy efficient? • (4) **Collaboration & Engagement Q2b** - Has the council published an up to date and easy-to-read annual report on their Climate Action Plan? • (5) **Governance & Finance Q3a** - Is the council reporting on its own greenhouse gas emissions? • (6) **Transport Q1** - Is the council transitioning their vehicle fleet to electric? • (7) **Waste Reduction & Food Q6** - Do schools in the council area serve less meat in school meals? • (8) **Buildings & Heating Q2** - Are the council's operations powered by renewable energy? • (9) **Biodiversity Q2** - Has the council banned the use of pesticides on all council owned and managed land? • (10) **Collaboration & Engagement Q5a** - Does the council have an ongoing way for residents to influence the implementation of the council's Climate Action Plan? • (11) **Planning & Land Use Q2** - Has the council committed to building all future council owned or managed housing to a high energy efficiency or operationally net-zero standard?

