



Scotland

We've summarised the key findings from across the councils in Scotland to provide a Scottish overview of these councils' results in the 2025 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. Scottish councils' scores range from 25% to 65%.

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.

2025 average score and
2023 comparison¹

by council type

39% Scotland ▲ 5

— **25%** Lowest council score
— **65%** Highest council score

42% England ▲ 7
Single Tier councils only

37% Wales ▲ 7

24% Northern Ireland ▲ 3

LEADING THE WAY



100% ▲ 13 councils versus 2023

Scottish councils avoid building new development on land that is most at risk of flooding²



30 out of 32
of Scottish councils support community food growing initiatives³
▲ 5 councils versus 2023

FALLING BEHIND



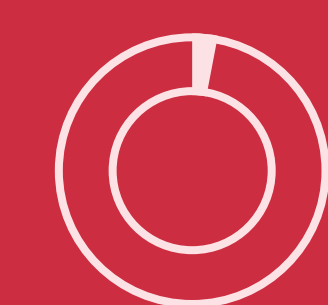
5 out of 32 ▼ 2 councils versus 2023

of councils set the highest water efficiency standards for new builds⁴



1 out of 32 ▼ 2 councils versus 2023

councils have banned the use of pesticides on all council owned and managed land⁵

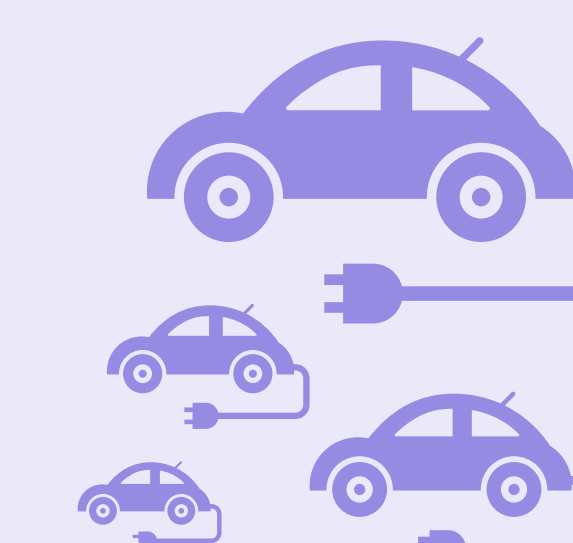


1 out of 32 ▼ 3 versus 2023

Scottish councils are powered by renewable energy⁶

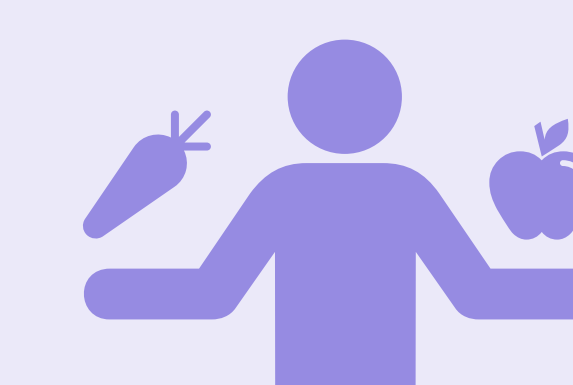


MAKING PROGRESS



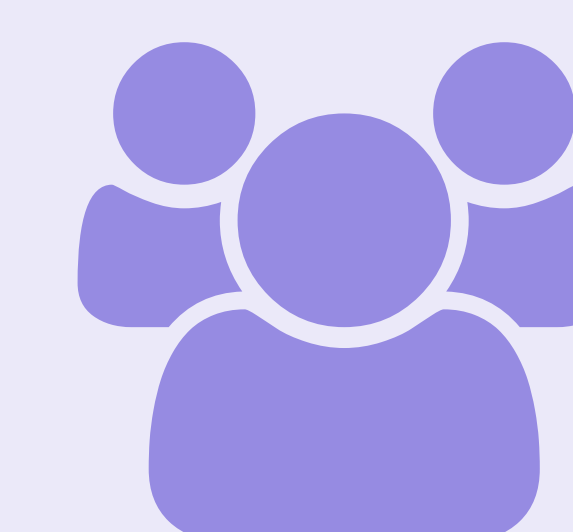
15 out of 32 ▲ 4 councils versus 2023

of local authorities have 10% or more of their council fleet as electric vehicles but only 3% have 50% or more⁷



17 out of 32 ▲ 9 councils versus 2023

Scottish councils provide at least one complete vegetarian meal in schools each week⁸



19 out of 32 ▲ 9 councils versus 2023

councils have an ongoing way for residents to influence the implementation of the council's Climate Action Plan⁹

(1) Nation comparison available at: <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/nations/>

Check the Scorecards results for Scottish Local Authorities at: <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/nations/scotland/>
(2) This is now required by the [National Planning Framework 4](https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/pages/3/) (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/pages/3/>)

See Q.8 in Planning & Land Use, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s3_p_lu_q8/?type=single#performance

(3) See Q.5 in Waste Reduction & Food, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s7_wr_f_q5/?type=single

(4) See Q.5 in Planning & Land Use, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/2025/question/s3_p_lu_q5/?type=single

(5) See Q.2 in Biodiversity, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/question/s5_bio_q2/?type=single

(6) See Q.2 in Buildings & Heating, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/question/s1_b_h_q2/?type=single

(7) See Q.1 in Transport, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/question/s2_tran_q1/?type=single

(8) See Q.6 in Waste Reduction & Food, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/question/s7_wr_f_q6/?type=single

(9) See Q5a in Collaboration & Engagement, available at: https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/question/s6_c_e_q5a/?type=single