

ACTION PLANS

Each of the five prior sections has a dedicated action plan associated with it. These plans will be dynamic, working plans for practical activity to deliver the strategy. Examples of some component actions for each category are listed below.

**HOMES, WORKSPACES &
COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

GREENSPACE & BIODIVERSITY

INFLUENCING OTHERS

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

**REDUCING CONSUMPTION &
PROCURING SUSTAINABILITY**



Action	Service Area	Projects	Comments
Procure renewable energy across the corporate estate	Strategic Property Services	All sites receiving renewable electricity on Council contract. Review gas options for next contract 2024. Next steps to Investigate whether there is an option to move gas to green gas (biogas) when renewing contract	
Work to understand and map opportunities across the borough for Low Carbon Opportunities	Strategic Property Services	Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP) Decentralised Energy Enabling Project (DEEP)	Strategic level initiative. Local area planning to determine locations that will best work with various interventions to decarbonise – e.g. Heat network. ASHP's, possible hydrogen etc. Plan developed and taken to last Environment Committee Working Group. Develop a business case for LA Estate and Schools buildings. A portfolio of buildings across Tameside with a package of measures to decarbonise those buildings.
When replacing heating systems or other technologies such as lighting in Council owned buildings install low carbon alternatives where viable, seeking to avoid carbon intensive technologies (coal, oil, gas)	Strategic Property Services	Decarbonising the Public Estate Fund The development of a package of materials designed to support Schools in contributing to the delivery of targets.	Decarbonising the public estate funding bid will partly address this – with a view to using model to decarbonise buildings in the future. 14 buildings secured funding in phase 1 of the scheme and 1 further 4 buildings are currently underway in phase 3a of the scheme. GMCA led initiative to develop a toolkit for schools to use. Development of a solar for schools info booklet currently underway
	School Project Team	Consider carbon impacts when renovating schools / undergoing schools projects and consider low carbon alternatives	Working with Schools project team to ensure low carbon alternatives are considered from project inception stage

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<p>Complete full assessment of Council owned land and buildings for viability for development of renewable energy and develop where viable (solar thermal / heat pumps / photovoltaic). Invest in the development of renewable energy and energy storage where appropriate</p>	<p>Strategic Property Services</p>	<p>% with assessment carried out</p>	<p>A number of buildings put forward for decarbonising the public estate funding (14 in PSDS1 and a further 4 in PSDS3a). Needs to link with asset rationalisation programme which is currently underway. A further 4 buildings will undergo decarbonisation feasibility surveys in early 2023 in readiness for any future funding rounds.</p> <p>GM Go Neutral project to map the opportunities for solar across boroughs – will link into this where possible.</p>
<p>Obtain an average rating of D or better by 2024 and C by 2030 for our public buildings where economically viable</p>	<p>Estates</p>	<p>Number of EPC's requiring improvement to E or above by April 23 and by C or above by 2027</p>	<p>Previously the minimum EPC rating required for all new tenancies was changed to “E” in 2018. However, from the 1st of April, 2023, this will be applicable for all existing tenancies as well. This means that it would be illegal for all landlords to rent out or lease a commercial property with an EPC rating less than “E”.</p> <p>From 1st of April, 2027, all landlords must present a valid Energy Performance Certificate for their property with an EPC rating of “C” or higher. If a landlord has an older EPC certificate that has a lower EPC rating, he is given a time window until April 1st, 2027. Estates review EPC's on a regular basis and currently have no properties below 'E'. Will be more of a challenge to meet the C requirement in some industrial premises by 2027.</p>

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Enforce minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector	Regulatory Services / GMCA / Environmental Development	Launch a major drive to raise standards in the private rented sector (GM good landlord standard).	<p>Combination of both Gary and Syed.</p> <p>Gary Mongan team go into private rented properties to assess compliance.</p> <p>Information on current energy efficiency schemes (ECO4 / LEAP / Warm Homes Fund) to be communicated.</p> <p>Tougher enforcement of Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES) Since 1 April 2020, landlords can no longer let or continue to let properties covered by the MEES Regulations if they have an EPC rating below E, unless they have a valid exemption in place. If you are currently planning to let a property with an EPC rating of F or G, you need to improve the property's rating to E, or register an exemption, before you enter into a new tenancy. If you are currently letting a property with an EPC rating of F or G, and you haven't already taken action, you must improve the property's rating</p>
Consider through the local plan, identifying suitable areas, for renewable technologies and low carbon energy sources where this would help secure their development.	Planning	Ensure renewables are considered in the local plan preparation process in accordance with NPPF paragraph 155b.	New Local Plan to be developed the programme for which is set out within the local development scheme.

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Complete street lighting rollout to LED	Engineering Services		Main roads to be completed 21/22
Undertake detailed survey of buildings to determine current condition with emphasis on those elements contributing to energy usage and potential energy loss e.g. Upgrade insulation of Council buildings	Strategic Property Services	% Building Condition Surveys Undertaken	Carried out via quinquennial surveys and potentially detailed surveys via decarbonising the public estate grant
If developing new Council facilities (new buildings, extensions, refurbishments), ensure they are built to the highest standards (e.g. at least BREAM excellent) and install renewable technologies where appropriate.	Strategic Property Services / Project Teams	Ensure this is written into internal spec? Strategic Asset Management Plan?	Projects such as Decarbonisation of the Public Estate have been replacing heating systems with low carbon alternatives such as ASHP.
Investigate the opportunities for homes built on Council land to be more energy efficient / sustainable via condition of sale	Strategic Property Services / Estates	Define a condition of sale and how this links to a local plan	Specifically in relation to property on Council land (would be an estates matter) particularly if seeking to push passive house. It would be a condition of sale



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All new homes and commercial / industrial buildings to achieve net zero carbon by 2028	Planning	Support progression of Places for Everyone and proposed policy JP-S 2 in relation to Carbon and Energy.	See Places for Everyone and proposed policy JP-S 2 in relation to Carbon and Energy setting out that new development will be net zero carbon from 2028, with an interim requirement that all new dwellings should seek a minimum 19% carbon reduction against Par L of the 2013 Building Regulations.
Set up a carbon offset fund to cater for circumstances where there are no reasonable alternatives to meet the minimum standards on site.	Planning	Support progression of Places for Everyone and proposed policy JP-S 2 in relation to Carbon and Energy.	New development will need to achieve net zero carbon through the maximisation of on-site measures first. However, in circumstances where a development has demonstrated that the energy hierarchy has been followed and there are no reasonable alternatives to meet the minimum standards, then payment to offset remaining emissions will be required, to fund other carbon savings programmes.

