

Declared a Climate Emergency? What Next?

Over 200 Local Authorities (LAs) have declared a climate emergency and many of these have started to work out what they intend to do next.

Many others are yet to act and have not yet decided what their next steps should be. Other authorities still, will be considering whether they should declare

a climate emergency and what the implications of this might be.

This guide sets out the five areas that local authorities and other institutions will need to address in starting their journey to net zero and taking meaningful action.

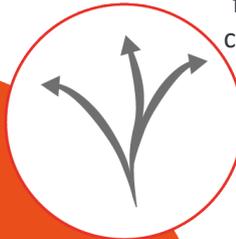
How big is the problem?

We help authorities to understand how much carbon is being produced, by what activities, and in which locations (Scope). This 'baseline' gives the starting point for the journey to net zero and can be determined for your own corporate estate and your region of responsibility as needed.



What do we need to do?

The best 'pathway' to a low carbon future will depend on the council's ambition and the available technology, finance and likely central government support. Eunomia helps to identify the 'no-regrets' actions which can be prioritised and the changes that might sensibly be deferred.



Getting started

Planning for major change brings the risk of 'analysis paralysis'. We help you to plan and deliver swiftly and in a well organised way. From the hard infrastructure changes required for transport, waste and adaptation through to expediting decision-making and cultural change Eunomia has the experts, experience and track record to help you start to move to carbon net zero.



Pieces of the Puzzle

How much will it cost?

Council's need to understand the cost of change before they can commit to action. We show how an LA can have the greatest impact for available spend. We also help identify sources of finance and help consider how best to use offset schemes where this is the right thing to do.



How do we take people with us?

LAs serve a range of stakeholders: residents, businesses, suppliers, providers and, within the organisation, both officers and members. We help you plan and deliver your engagement with these groups through the use of member workshops, citizens' assemblies and a host of other channels and fora.



Eunomia's Climate Emergency Team includes some of the UK's foremost experts in climate strategy. For nearly 20 years we have been the partner of choice for local authorities across the UK and further afield. With our focus on evidence-based approaches and acting with integrity we have influenced and supported clients to take bold and meaningful action, from small municipalities to national governments supranational bodies and major

global brands. Our team offers tailored strategy and implementation advice to increase the effectiveness of your emission reduction plans. We support clients from the early stages of climate emergency planning, through to those seeking detailed implementation guidance and support, and ensure the strategies we design are embedded in practical understanding, stakeholder engagement and financial assessment.

Our Experience

Isle of Man Government- Climate Change Action Plan

Following The Isle of Man Government's declaration of a climate emergency in June 2019, we worked with chief officers to deliver climate emergency training to government officers, and then provided expert technical oversight and review of all strands of the climate action plan.

This was used to underpin a proposal that was unanimously accepted by the island's parliament, the Tynwald, at the end of 2019. Eunomia is now supporting the government with the development of their draft climate bill.

Bristol City Council

Eunomia was part of the consortium tasked with identifying key actions needed for Bristol City Council to achieve its highly ambitious climate emergency target - to achieve net zero across the whole authority by 2030 - also quantifying likely costs

We led on developing the actions necessary for substantially reducing emissions from waste management, where the authority has significant influence and control – including identifying risks and opportunities.

Contact

Contact **James Fulford** at james.fulford@eunomia.co.uk to speak with our team about we can support achieving your next climate goal.

London Borough of Hounslow- Climate Change Strategy

Hounslow Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019 and chose Eunomia to update their draft Climate Change Strategy so that it is fit for purpose for 2020-2030. We pulled together a number of approaches to deliver a workable, costed action plan for both the authority and the borough as a whole:

- Using authority and national data we determined the baseline of emissions
- Examining the potential benefits of each technology and the technical possibilities, we provided Hounslow with key next steps and potential routes to decarbonisation
- Using our tailored MACC analysis, we identified the potential costs associated with interventions, both for the council and the wider economy
- Through carefully designed and delivered workshops, we engaged officers, council members and local residents in the key questions, helping guide the priorities

The proposal was unanimously approved at cabinet in January 2020.

As the project developed, the scope was further revised to include provision of information that will form the basis of a subsequent public consultation to further engage the community. We developed a set of infographics and analysis outputs to support this, enabling the engagement of a much wider audience.

