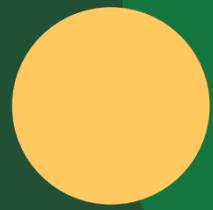




CEUK Council Climate Scorecards - GAP Analysis Update

27th February 2024



Who are CEUK?

Climate Emergency UK is a not for profit, Community Interest Company.

Started in 2019, Climate Emergency UK has evolved into an organisation, working at pace within the council climate sector. They want to:

- Play their part in contributing to a significant reduction in area-wide emissions that they believe councils have power and influence over.
- Encourage and influence local climate action at the scale and pace needed.
- Inspire and support local climate action through innovative tools and transparent data – such as the Scorecards.
- Empower those advocating for change both within and outside councils.
- Hold councils accountable for their climate actions and collaborating at a national level.



Why do we need to analyse our score?

Completing the CEUK Council Climate Scorecards takes a substantial amount of officer time and effort.

It's important that we use the scoring and outcomes provided to us by CEUK to analyse the areas we have scored well in and the areas we need to improve.

We can also use this information to look critically at our current **Climate Action Plan** to understand if we can identify areas for improvement.

Benchmarking. Learning. Identifying gaps.

- Visibility of other Local Authorities scores and results, specifically our neighbouring Local Authorities, allows us to use the information for benchmarking and tracking our progress comparatively against our neighbouring Local Authorities.
- We can utilise our connections we have with neighbouring Council's to learn more about actions and projects they have undertaken to score highly in specific areas.

Whilst benchmarking, it is also vital that we note the Climate history of other Council's, to maintain an informed mindset on our own progress and score.

Many neighbouring authorities have released their Climate strategies well in advance of the adoption of HDC's in February 2023. Therefore, they have already undertaken more years of positive, climate focussed action.

Area	HDC	Fenland	South Cambs	East Cambs	City
Building & Heating	48%	40%	49%	57%	71%
Transport	8%	-4%	40%	-4%	63%
Planning & Land Use	15%	16%	26%	34%	38%
Governance & Finance	17%	17%	20%	38%	49%
Biodiversity	15%	10%	10%	15%	45%
Collaboration & Engagement	25%	0%	52%	48%	79%
Waste Reduction & Food	44%	0%	46%	40%	69%
OVERALL	27%	18%	34%	39%	57%
Years since releasing Climate Plan or declaring climate emergency	1 Year	No Climate Strategy or emergency	3 Years	4 years	8 Years

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Action Scorecards

Benchmarking.

Learning.

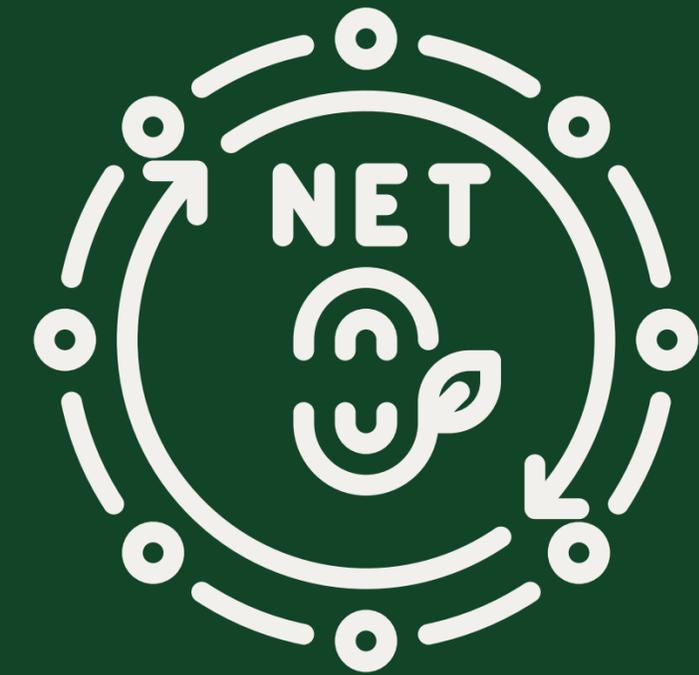
Identifying gaps.

- Using our CIPFA nearest neighbours score data enables us to compare our scores against similar local authorities across the country
- HDC can also identify which local authorities to learn from in specific areas.

CIPFA 2023 Nearest Neighbours	Buildings and Heating	Transport	Planning and Land Use	Governance and Finance	Biodiversity	Waste Reduction and Food	Collaboration and Engagement	Overall Score	Average = 32%
Huntingdonshire	48%	8%	15%	17%	15%	44%	25%	27%	
Basingstoke and Deane	32%	21%	25%	57%	75%	8%	90%	42%	
Braintree	52%	-9%	19%	8%	30%	23%	63%	30%	
Chelmsford	42%	19%	22%	29%	40%	15%	30%	29%	
East Hertfordshire	60%	14%	29%	44%	15%	0%	70%	38%	
Harrogate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Hinckley and Bosworth	61%	-6%	24%	16%	25%	31%	40%	33%	
Maidstone	29%	19%	50%	17%	40%	32%	52%	35%	
Mid Sussex	37%	15%	19%	25%	60%	31%	39%	32%	
North Hertfordshire	30%	7%	21%	31%	60%	51%	54%	34%	
Rushcliffe	51%	44%	18%	3%	15%	8%	30%	26%	
South Oxfordshire	37%	8%	18%	31%	10%	76%	66%	35%	
Stafford	27%	2%	52%	20%	40%	8%	32%	31%	
Test Valley	57%	8%	27%	14%	35%	8%	49%	32%	
West Oxfordshire	51%	15%	57%	16%	10%	59%	22%	39%	
West Suffolk	55%	27%	43%	41%	60%	8%	58%	45%	



A Tool that can help us on our pathway to **Net Zero 2040**...



We have undertaken a detailed **GAP** analysis which has highlighted areas to focus on and possible new Climate actions for the future.

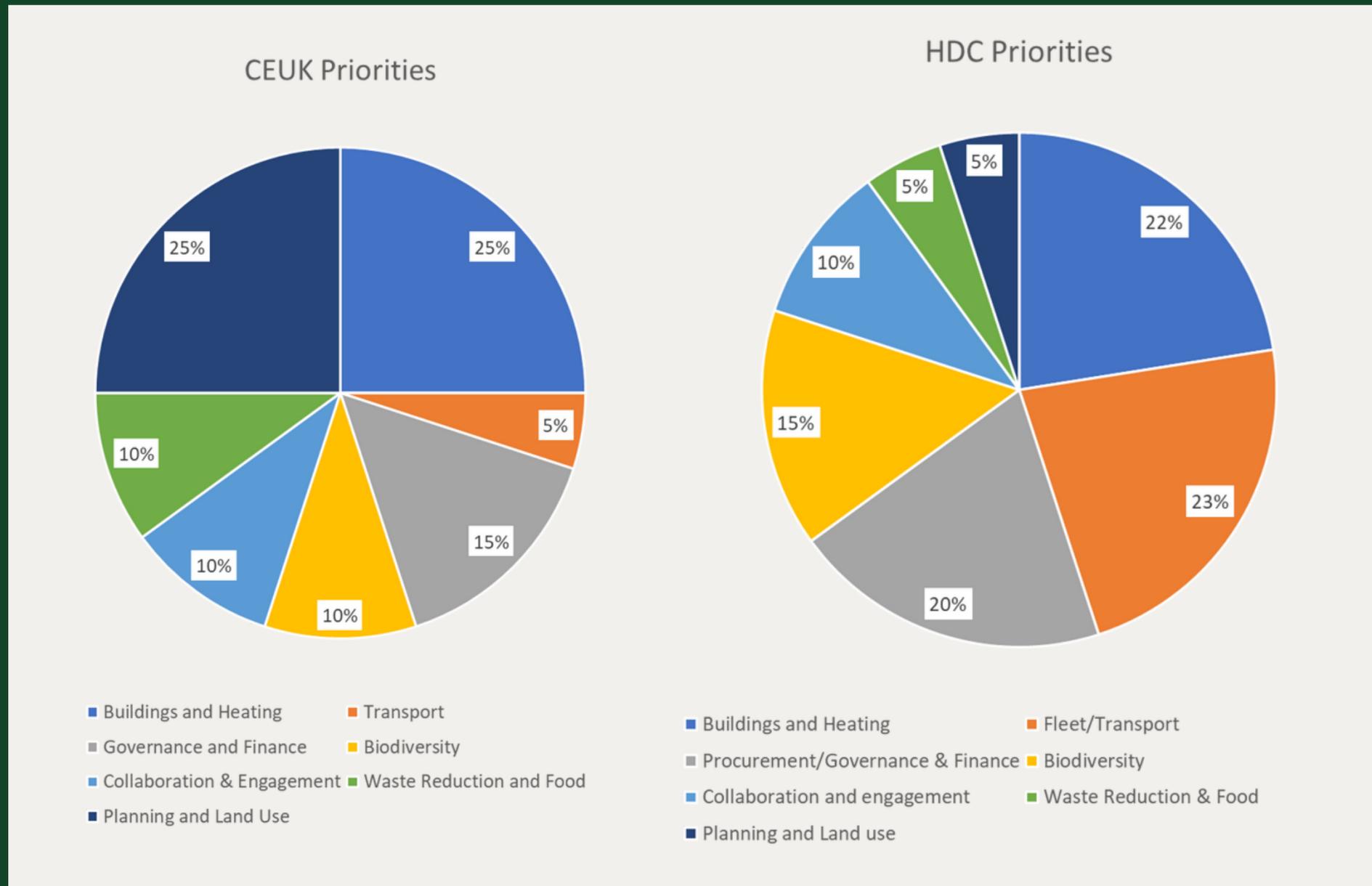
We can view the **Council Climate Scorecards** as one of many tools that we can utilise to help us to reach our **Net Zero 2040** target.

By analysing our **Scorecards** result every 2 years, when released, we will both increase our score whilst making sure that we aren't missing vital areas, or new emerging areas and actions from **HDC's** future **Climate Action** planning.

... whilst keeping our data driven, **HDC** specific **Climate Action Plan** and **Strategy** at the forefront of our priorities.

The differences in Priorities

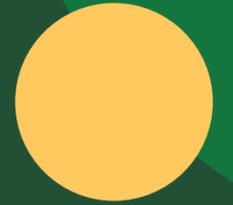
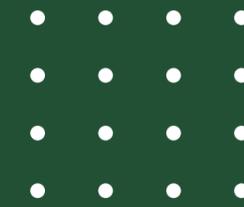
Based on CEUK's score weightings, and HDC's stated priority level and number of actions within the HDC Climate action plan.



A fundamental to using the CEUK scorecards to help our journey is to understand that whilst we can use it to help identify areas to work on, we cannot prioritise the more general CEUK priorities over HDC's own, data driven, Huntingdonshire specific Climate Strategy and Action Plan.

- The charts to the left show that although we have the same areas of priorities, however, some of ours are weighted higher than CEUK's and vice versa.
- Our priorities are data driven and based on HDC's reported carbon emissions and look at where we can create the highest savings in carbon emissions.

GAP Analysis

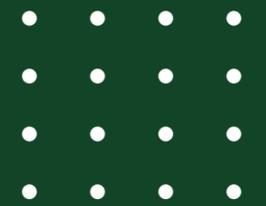


- Areas to focus on
- Working closely with Services & Service Managers
- Revised and new Climate Action suggestions at Annual Climate Review

The detailed GAP analysis has highlighted areas for HDC to focus on and address action which may currently be lacking from our original Climate Action Plan.

This work enables us to now be in a position where we can follow up with the relevant Services and Service Managers for their collaborative input and discussion on how we can move forward to take positive action, working on these areas as part of the ongoing future Climate Action Plan.

To use the scorecard results and GAP analysis in the most beneficial way for HDC and our district, we must continue to balance our priorities against the CEUK priorities consistently. HDC must ensure that we are always choosing reduction of emissions over point scoring when resources and funding is often limited.



Further Information - CEUK Council Climate Scorecards

<https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/>





[← See this council in context](#)
[See this council's 2021 Plan Scorecard ↗](#)

Huntingdonshire District Council

Nation	England	Net Zero target date	Whole area: 2040
Index of multiple deprivation	4	Total population	170k - 250k
Urbanisation	Rural	Political control (Sept 2023)	NOC

- HDC scored 27%, which is just below UK average of 29%
- 96th out of 164 districts.
- In 2021 we scored zero along with 42 other Councils – this shows how far we have come in a short space of time and our continued focus on positive climate impact and reducing emissions.
- Score is based upon only publicly available information up until March 2023, we have since made many further steps of progress which will be accounted for in the next scorecards

Questions	Huntingdonshire District Council	Councils with full marks per question
Buildings & Heating	41%	▼
Transport	8%	▼
Planning & Land Use	17%	▼
Governance & Finance	11%	▼
Biodiversity	25%	▼
Collaboration & Engagement	35%	▼
Waste Reduction & Food	36%	▼
Total score	27%	

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Methodology of Scoring -

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Section weightings

Different sections have been weighted differently, and the reasons for this are explained below.

Section	Single Tier	District	County	Northern Ireland
Buildings & Heating	20%	25%	20%	20%
Transport	20%	5%	30%	15%
Planning & Land Use	15%	25%	5%	15%
Governance & Finance	15%	15%	15%	20%
Biodiversity	10%	10%	10%	10%
Collaboration & Engagement	10%	10%	10%	10%
Waste Reduction & Food	10%	10%	10%	10%

Section	Maximum points available in this section	Percent of final score that this section would naturally account for	Weighted percentage	Switch to weighted from score change
Governance, Development and Funding	21	27	15%	-12
Mitigation and Adaptation	18	23	15%	-8
Commitment and Integration	7	9	15%	6
Community Engagement and Communications	9	12	15%	3
Measuring and Setting Emissions Targets	5	6	10%	4
Co-Benefits	4	5	5%	0
Diversity and Social Inclusion	5	6	10%	4
Education, Skills and Training	5	6	10%	4
Ecological Emergency	4	5	5%	6