

Cheshire West & Chester take great strides towards a greener future



Project overview

As part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, Cheshire West and Chester Council has been awarded £5,836,172 in government funding to reduce carbon emissions in 14 public buildings, including four schools, six Brio Leisure sites and four Council buildings.

It is estimated the technologies installed will reduce carbon emissions by 1100 tCO₂e per annum.

Technologies being installed include:

- Air Source Heat Pumps
- Hybrid Heating Systems
- Solar PV
- LED lighting

The grant will support the Council's sustainability plans which outline efforts to decarbonise energy sources in public buildings, in order to become carbon neutral as a borough by 2045 and for Council to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.

Estimated savings for Cheshire West & Chester Council

Annual savings:
£58,600

Total grant value:
£5.8m

Annual carbon savings:
1100 tCO₂e

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Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) funds the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme which was delivered by Salix Finance.

The Grant Scheme provided £1bn of grant funding which aligns with BEIS' priorities: fighting coronavirus, backing business, unleashing innovation and tackling climate change. The scheme also encourages green investment, supporting the Government's net-zero and clean growth goals.

The scheme aims to:

1. Deliver stimulus to the energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation sectors, supporting jobs.
2. Provide significant carbon savings within the public sector.

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grants finance up to 100% of the costs of capital energy-saving projects which meet scheme criteria. Information about the PSDS and future schemes can be found on the Salix website.



"The Climate Emergency presents a significant challenge to all communities and local authorities across the country. We've made an ambitious start to tackle this challenge, working closely with partners, our communities and business leaders to develop a plan of action so that we can achieve carbon neutrality as a borough.

The funding secured through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme will help us take significant steps forward in reducing our own carbon emissions as an organisation and will provide an opportunity for us to lead by example delivering a range of carbon saving measures set out in our plan."

Councillor Matt Bryan, Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester Council's Climate Emergency Response Plan

In 2019 Cheshire West and Chester Council voted unanimously to declare a climate emergency. Since then, the Council has set out its Stronger Futures Plan for Recovery and Renewal, with climate change a top priority.

The Council's Climate Emergency Response Plan outlines actions required, alongside evidence on the borough's current carbon footprint, and progress leading up to 2045, when it aims to be carbon neutral.

The Council will work closely with residents, businesses and partners to make significant changes. Leading by example, the first steps taken will reduce its own carbon emissions and improve the energy efficiency of public buildings.



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