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Thoughts from COP 26: Local government and climate change

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6th Carbon Budget

- CCC 9 December
- 1,000 pages of additional papers
- 120 pages for local government
- Climate Change Act
- Long term goal net zero by 2050
- 2032 to 2037 period
- Blueprint to full decarbonisation of UK



Timetable

- By 2025, 50% reduction, coal gone, new housing future homes standard, EV 50% of new
- By 2030, 64% reduction, all new assets zero carbon, 100% EV, 1m heat pumps installed 40GB offshore wind, Meat down 20%
- By 2035, 78% reduction, electricity system grown by 50%, 14m homes insulated, new gas boilers gone by 2033, Meat down by 25%
- By 2050, 100% down, everything net zero, gas gone other than that than can be carbon captured, oil gone other than for planes, electricity more than double, low carbon hydrogen 2/3rds of current electricity



Areas for LA's to focus

- Buildings
- Transport
- Waste
- Electricity generation
- Land use

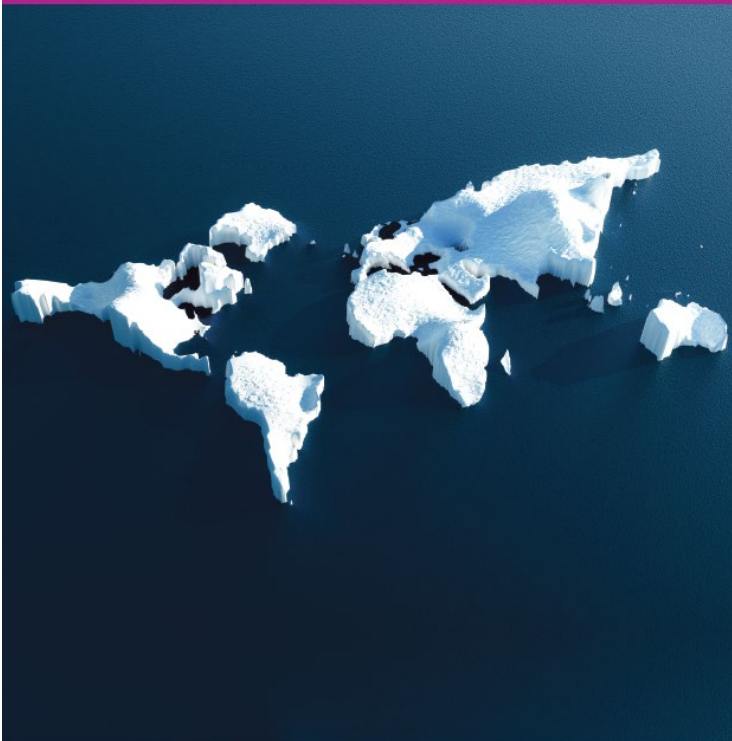


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Local government **Climate crisis: can councils deliver on bold promises to cut emissions?**

Many councils have committed to going carbon neutral, but they lack the power and funds to take effective citywide action

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▲ In areas of Nottingham, there has been a mass installation of solar panels on houses. Photograph: © OnPage One/Nottingham Council

Jessie Sims is one of 600 people in Stroud, Gloucestershire, to have had their homes retrofitted to make them more energy efficient. In 2013, the district council replaced the windows and doors, insulated the loft and floors, and installed solar panels on the roof as part of its



Climate Change still a priority for Councils

This year we undertook the same questions about Councils and climate change as last year which show that it a priority for the public and they expect Councils to take a leading role in responding to climate change.

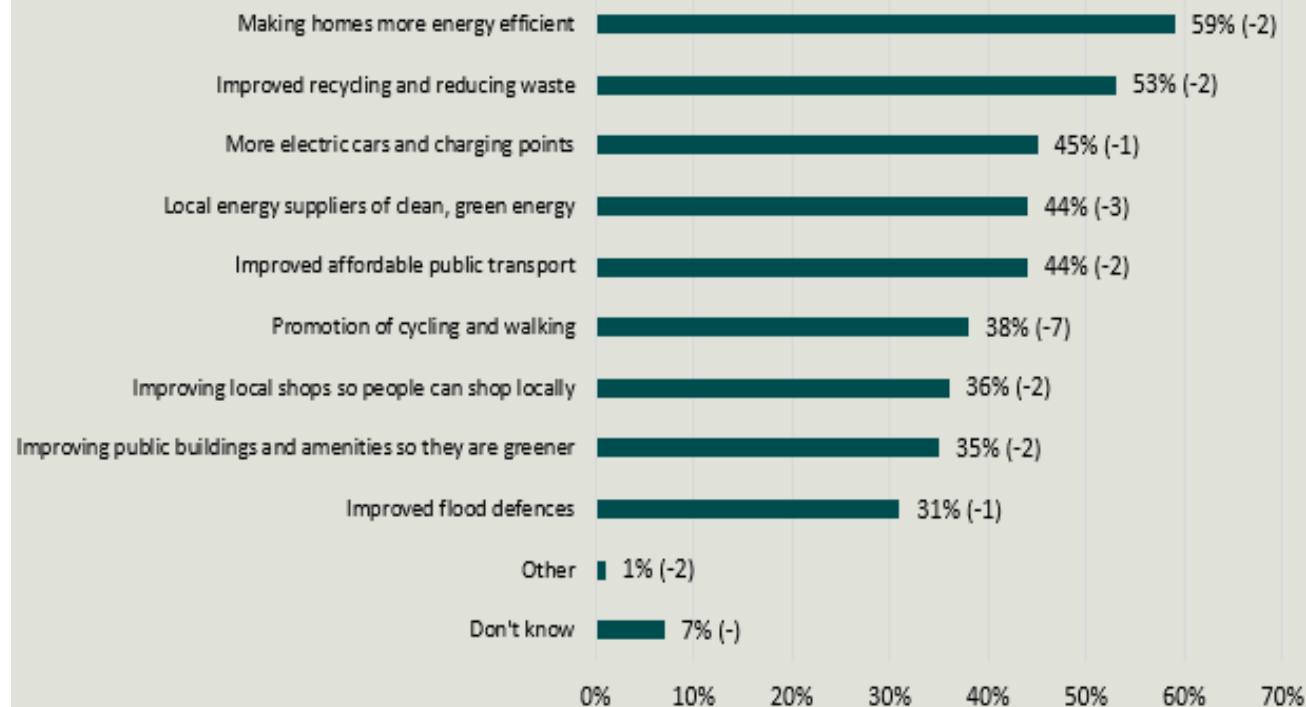
Five Key findings

1. 71% expect that local communities will have to respond to the effects of climate change in their area.
2. 54% support additional money for Councils to respond to climate change locally, which is the same as last year
3. 37% (down 2%) see Councils as best placed to take combat the effects of climate change compared to 30% (down 1%) for the Government.
4. Top priorities for local climate change action are making homes more energy efficient at 59%.
5. Climate change is the equal second highest new spending priority after Social Care and Housing, on par with Road Maintenance.



Top priorities for local climate change action

Thinking about your local area what sort of steps or actions do you think will be required to combat the effects of climate change?
[comparison with 2020]





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The final report: Local by default

[Local by default – APSE’s Local Government Commission Report 2030](#)

Conclusions

- COP 26 significance?
- Legislative framework
- Route map
- Local declarations and action plans
- Powers and resources
- Public support
- Transformational or incremental

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