

A challenge to improve COP26 – so what?

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Our survey said...

Survey post COP26

17 responses

perceptions not scores

Mix of councils and circumstances

Survey results

Q1. How much progress has your organisation made to date to tackle the climate change agenda compared with what you think it might have made in the context of existing resources?(Please answer on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is maximum progress)

16 responses

Score - 9 (1 response); 7(3); 6 (5); 5 (3); 4 (2); 3 (2); 2 (1).

Average – 5.6

“We’re doing OK”

Survey results

Q2. How much progress has your organisation made to date to tackle the climate change agenda compared with what you think it might have made if extra resources had been made available? (Please answer on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is maximum progress)

16 responses

Score - 10 (1 response); 9 (4); 8 (6); 7 (5).

Average – 8.1

“Very positive”

Survey results

Q3. What further external regulation or powers do you think would most benefit your organisation in tackling climate change in your locality?

Responses (between 7 and 3).	One off responses
Planning and Building Control/Standards	Careers and skills
Limits on ICE/Support for LEVs	Charge for hard to recycle packaging
Statutory carbon reduction targets	Incentives to install renewables
Access to more / long term funding	Greater political willingness
Food waste	Government leadership
	Carbon levy for high polluters

Survey results

Q4. What actions could be taken if extra financial resources were available to your organisation to tackle climate change in your locality?

Responses (between 15 and 4).	One off responses
Housing & building retrofit & improvement; Passivhaus	biodiversity projects and verge management
Public transport	Eat local
Fleet improvement / EV infrastructure	Careers and skills investment
Renewable generation	Bikeability
Engagement / education	Coastal erosion and flood zones
	Local entrepreneurship fund

Survey results

Q5. Have you undertaken research to identify the level of further financial resources that would be required for your authority to undertake the actions you have considered in questions 4?

9 responses (4 yes but no locality wide figure; 5 in progress)

1 clear response. Core Cities studies which has identified the large level of resource needed for the 10 cities and London Boroughs alone - it has called for a £1bn public investment fund to leverage out £10bn of private investment.

There is a need for this kind of information!!

Survey results

Q7. Are you aware of any research undertaken by your local university to address the climate change agenda?

6 – responses

Tyndall Centre, University of Manchester;

Durham Energy Institute;

University of St Andrews;

Leicester, DE Montfort, Loughborough universities;

University of Nottingham;

University of Leeds.

Survey results

Q9. What are the key barriers to progress in terms of tackling climate change in your locality?

**Majority refer to –
resources – funding
resources – people and capacity
resources – expertise
the cost of going green – for Councils, business and individuals**

Lots of other factors – lack of clarity from Govt; limitations of infrastructure; lack of powers; slow pace of change.

Survey results

Q10. Bearing in mind the global nature of COP26, to what degree do you feel it provided enough in terms of outcomes to enthuse the local government/university sector to tackle climate change significantly?

17 responses. Average – 4.3/10

Q11. Bearing in mind the global nature of COP26, to what degree do you feel it provided enough in terms of outcomes to support your local authority/university to tackle climate change significantly?

17 responses. Average – 3.8/10

Survey results

Q12. To what degree do you feel recent announcements from government have provided enough in terms of outcomes to support localities to tackle climate change significantly? For example the CSR, Net Zero Strategy, the Transport Decarbonisation Plan.

17 responses. Average – 4.2/10

Q13. To what degree do you feel COP26 could be considered a success in terms of its potential global impact?

17 responses. Average – 4.2/10

Survey results

Q14. To what degree do you feel COP26 could be considered a success in terms of its impact on the local government and/or university sectors?

17 responses. Average – 3.6/10

Q15. Do you think your organisation will meet the net zero or climate change targets it has set without further government support?

15 responses. No – 10; Unsure – 5; Yes – 0.

Self-analysis

Why set challenging targets?

What support do we/organisation need to meet the challenge?

What can we/organisation do to meet the challenge?

What have we/organisation not done?

Have we/organisation made enough noise?

Are we/organisations coasting?

Why us?

Key body to decarbonise at local level

Vast experience

Key influencer

Can contribute to local and national targets

We have a impact at all tiers of local govt / all types of council

Many LAs more ambitious target than central govt

So

Central govt should recognise this

A seat at the table to influence decisions re resources and policy

We can deliver if given the tools e.g. powers, finance, policy consistency, supply chain, skills/expertise...

**What are we asking of you as a member of the sector
and a representative of your organisation?**

Get involved

Ideas, comments, thoughts, experience

Complete the survey

Raise awareness

...again!!

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