

Climate Action Scorecard 2027 - answers

This page provides information on specific questions in the [2027 Council Climate Action Scorecards](#) to assist markers with fairly assessing Bracknell Forest Council.

Buildings & Heating – Q5: Is the council part of a programme or partnership to support home retrofitting, through providing the skills and training needed or in other ways?

Under the Joint Climate Action Board that was launched in 2023, Bracknell Forest Council convened a Housing Working Group with membership including representatives from local housing associations, retrofit providers and the public sector. Chaired by a representative from Abri which is Bracknell Forest's largest housing association, the aim of the working group was to coordinate and support the retrofitting of domestic properties across the borough. In February 2026 the Joint Climate Action Board was relaunched. It is anticipated that new task and finish groups will continue these activities on a project-by-project basis.

Transport – Q1: Is the council transitioning their vehicle fleet to electric?

As of 2025, 11 of the council's 25 vehicles were EVs, corresponding to 44% of the fleet. Note that this does not include vehicles owned by the council but used by contractors.

Governance & Finance – Q3a & 3b: Is the council reporting on its own greenhouse gas emissions? According to the council's own reporting, have the council's own greenhouse gas emissions reduced since 2019?

The council tracks its scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions (certain categories and suppliers only) emissions in line with the GHG Protocol on a calendar year basis. From 2019 to 2025, scope 1 and 2 emissions fell from 3,797 tCO₂e to 2,389 tCO₂e, a 37% reduction. Our emissions data is collected here and will be updated for 2025 shortly: [Bracknell Forest emissions data](#).

Governance & Finance – Q5: Has the council adopted a new governance or decision making process to put tackling the climate emergency at the heart of every council decision made?

We have introduced an Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Tool (IIAST), which includes a section on sustainability and cross-cutting themes. This includes questions on the key drivers of climate change (including housing energy use and transport), nature and biodiversity, and an overall assessment of the climate mitigation and adaptation impacts of the proposal or decision. We have embedded this in the organisation by offering training and guidance. It was used to assess budget proposals for the current financial year as well as a wide range of other proposals and decisions, and is being introduced for all relevant decision reports.

Governance & Finance – Q7: Does the council have a Cabinet member or Portfolio Holder that has climate change explicitly in their remit?

[Cllr Ryan Frost](#) is our Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change.

Collaboration & Engagement – Q2a: Has the council published a climate action plan with SMART targets?

The [Bracknell Forest Climate Change Strategy 2025–2030](#) has SMART targets and is underpinned by [delivery plans](#) for its phases and [annual action plans](#). It recognises that, alongside reducing GHG emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change is essential to protect residents, businesses infrastructure and ecosystems across the borough not just within the council. The strategy identifies local climate risks, including more frequent and severe extreme heat events, flooding, storms and wildfires and sets out a framework for delivery over the 2025–2030 period, including key objectives and priority actions. Adaptation is a core aim of the strategy.

Collaboration & Engagement – Q2b: Has the council published an up to date and easy-to-read annual report on their Climate Action Plan?

The council publishes an annual climate change report, which uses simple English where possible and uses graphics and tables to aid comprehension. It has also previously reported quarterly on progress made towards SMART targets. Under the new climate change strategy, this will be integrated into the main annual report going forward. The most recent annual report, which reflects activity under the old strategy, can be found here: [Climate Change Strategy annual report on progress for 2024 to 2025](#).

Collaboration & Engagement – Q5a: Does the council have an ongoing way for residents to influence the implementation of the council's Climate Action Plan?

The council collaborates and supports Bracknell Forest Community Climate Action (BFCCA), which is a local resident-run charity focused on advancing climate action in the borough. In particular, the council works closely with BFCCA to deliver an annual [Bracknell Forest Community Climate Summit](#) to collaborate with the residents and organisations on local climate action. In 2024, the council supported the BFCCA in the organisation of [10 Nesta Strategy sessions](#) which provided over 100 residents with the opportunity to share their views and inform the Community Climate Emergency Strategy. The council also convenes the [Joint Climate Action Board](#), which is a strategic partnership of key local organisations, with the goal of developing and coordinating collaborative place-shaping climate action across Bracknell Forest. BFCCA are a member, representing the interests and views of local residents.

Collaboration & Engagement – Q6: Does the council provide funding for community climate action, for example through an environment fund or climate action fund?

The council ran a £15k Climate Action Grant programme in late 2025, open to community organisations, parish and town councils and schools. This funded nine varied projects across the borough.

Collaboration & Engagement – Q10: Is the council working in partnership with local businesses to encourage decarbonisation?

The council have a [dedicated webpage](#) to support local businesses to take climate action. Through the [Berkshire Growth Hub](#), the council has offered [free net zero masterclasses](#) for business, and a [Low Carbon Workspaces grant](#). The council have also launched a [solar installation scheme for organisations](#), including businesses, and also held an event for business on [using your net zero plan for positive marketing](#).

Waste Reduction & Food – Q1b: Has the council reduced single use plastic at external events on council land, property or public spaces such as roads and parks?

The council provides events organisers with detailed guidance on minimising single use plastic use, and introducing alternatives, which can be found here: [Waste management guidance for events](#).

Waste Reduction & Food – Q4a: Does the council have a sustainable food strategy?

The council have a whole systems approach to healthy weight work plan which includes a strategic action group dedicated to healthy and sustainable food environments across the borough. This group is co-chaired by the climate change team and improving the sustainability of food systems across the borough is a core purpose of the work plan. The plan goes beyond council-only activity over several years and includes retailers, supermarkets, caterers, schools, workplaces, care settings, planning and licensing levers, and community food environments. The full plan will be published soon.