



I am writing to request information regarding your local authority's approach to fleet decarbonisation, carbon reduction initiatives, and related funding and infrastructure developments.

This information will be used as part of academic research into the challenges and progress of local authorities in transitioning to low and zero-emission fleet operations. Responses are anonymous/confidential and individual respondents will not be identified by name or organisation in the final report.

Please provide answers to the following questions, grouped for clarity using the **attached spreadsheet** if possible, please:

1. Organisational Profile (Contextual Data)

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| a. Does the authority contract out services for the collection of waste and recycling? | No. The collections are in-house and not contracted out. |
| b. Which political party currently holds overall control of the authority? | Labour |
| c. What is the current total number of employees in the organisation? | 5360 Employees as at 29/05/2025 |
| d. What is the approximate size of the population served by the authority? | See Census - Microsoft Power BI |

2. Policy and Governance

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| a. Does the authority have a formal carbon reduction plan or strategy? | Yes |
| b. In what year was this strategy adopted? | 2019 |
| c. What is the authority's declared net zero target date? | 2038 (or sooner) |

3. Technical and Infrastructure

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| a. What percentage of the fleet were EV or hybrid vehicles in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25? | See attached |
| b. What was the total number of fleet vehicles (diesel, petrol, hybrid, and electric) in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25? | |
| c. Has the authority implemented the use of low carbon fuels (e.g., HVO)? If so, what year did this begin? | |
| d. What percentage of the fleet used low carbon fuels in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25 since implementation, if applicable? | |

4. Financial and Economic Implications

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| a. What was the total capital expenditure on low/zero-emission (EV/hybrid) fleet vehicles in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25? | See attached |
| b. What was the level of financial reserves (in £) held by the authority in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25? | Please refer to the final published accounts which are online Statement of accounts 2023/24 |
| c. Has external or grant funding been used to purchase low carbon or zero carbon vehicles, or implement EV charging infrastructure? | No |