

# Climate emergency declarations

## Introduction

Over the last 18 months many local and city region authorities have declared a climate emergency, recognising the scale of the climate crisis we are facing. And in May 2019 the UK Government declared a climate emergency<sup>1</sup>.

This document provides a summary of which authorities have declared a climate emergency and what targets they are committing to. It does not cover all authorities but focuses primarily in those in the city regions, with some additional key urban areas included for interest. This document represents a snapshot in December 2019, as authorities are continuing to declare climate emergencies and set targets.

A summary of district, county, unitary and metropolitan councils that have declared a climate emergency can also be found at: <https://www.climateemergency.uk/blog/list-of-councils/> and this is updated periodically.

## UTG member areas

All Urban Transport Group full members have now declared a climate emergency. The table below shows the targets they have committed to, where confirmed.

Area	Net Zero target date
Greater Manchester	2038 <sup>2</sup>
Liverpool City Region	2040 <sup>3</sup>
London	2030 <sup>4</sup>
Sheffield City Region	TBC <sup>5</sup>
Tyne and Wear	NECA – TBC <sup>6</sup> North of Tyne – move towards carbon neutral by 2030 <sup>7</sup>
West Midlands	2041 <sup>8</sup>
West Yorkshire	2038 <sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> BBC News (2019) UK Parliament declares a climate change emergency <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-48126677>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.lgcplus.com/services/environment/exclusive-greater-manchester-to-declare-a-climate-emergency-18-07-2019/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/climate-emergency-declared-for-liverpool-city-region/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/assembly/call-on-mayor-to-declare-climate-emergency>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-50460412>

<sup>6</sup> <https://northeastca.gov.uk/news/neca-declares-a-climate-emergency/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/news/24599/north-tyneside-declare-climate-emergency>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.wmca.org.uk/news/climate-change-target-set-for-the-region/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/all-news-and-blogs/combined-authority-declares-climate-emergency/>

## UTG associate members

Below are the UTG associate members, with the table showing whether they have declared a climate emergency or not and their net zero carbon target dates.

Area	Climate emergency (Y/N)	Net Zero target date
Strathclyde		Glasgow City Council, 2030
Bristol and the West of England	Y	2030
Tees Valley	N	
Nottingham	N	2028 <sup>10</sup>
Northern Ireland	n/a	

## Core Cities

The Core Cities is a collective of the UK's key cities who come together to speak as one voice on issues affecting these areas. Together they are working on climate change, with key asks for national Government to help cities address the climate emergency<sup>11</sup>.

The table below shows which of these areas has declared a climate emergency and the targets they are committing to.

Area	Climate emergency (Y/N)	Net Zero target date
Belfast	Y	TBC <sup>12</sup>
Birmingham	Y	2030 or as soon as a just transition permits <sup>13</sup>
Bristol	Y	2030 <sup>14</sup>
Cardiff	Y	Welsh public sector goal - carbon neutral by 2030 <sup>15</sup>
Glasgow	Y	2030
Leeds	Y	2030 <sup>16</sup>
Liverpool	Y	Zero carbon on council estate and activities 2030 <sup>17</sup>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/cn2028>

<sup>11</sup>

<https://www.corecities.com/sites/default/files/field/attachment/Core%20Cities%20UK%20Climate%20Emergency%20Declaration.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.climateinireland.org/news/belfast-cc-climate-emergency>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.climateemergency.uk/blog/birmingham/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-climate-emergency-carbon-neutral-2219477>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.climateemergency.uk/blog/cardiff/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://news.leeds.gov.uk/leeds-can-become-a-carbon-neutral-city-according-to-new-report/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.climateemergency.uk/blog/liverpool-3/>

Area	Climate emergency (Y/N)	Net Zero target date
Manchester	Y	2038 <sup>18</sup>
Newcastle	Y	2030 <sup>19</sup>
Nottingham	N	2028 <sup>20</sup>
Sheffield	Y	2030

<sup>18</sup> (<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/planet-b-not-option-manchester-16578811>)

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/our-city/climate-change>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/cn2028>