

55272 Fleet Decarbonisation, Carbon Reduction Initiatives, and Related Funding and Infrastructure Developments

Please provide answers to the following questions, grouped for clarity:

Organisational Profile (Contextual Data)

- a. Does the authority contract out services for the collection of waste and recycling?

The City of Edinburgh Council does not contract any collection services out.

- b. Which political party currently holds overall control of the authority?

Labour form the administration and the senior political roles, however, it is a minority administration so there is no overall control of the authority.

- c. What is the current total number of employees in the organisation?

The total Headcount for 2024/25 was 18,191.

- d. What is the approximate size of the population served by the authority?

As of 2023, the National Records of Scotland published mid-year estimate for the City of Edinburgh's population was 523,250.

This is published on their website at:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/mid-2023-population-estimates/>

Policy and Governance

- a. Does the authority have a formal carbon reduction plan or strategy?

- b. In what year was this strategy adopted?

The City of Edinburgh Council has two publications outlining our approaches for carbon reduction.

The 2030 Climate Strategy was published in 2021 and sets out a city-wide approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Edinburgh focusing on six main areas to drive action. This is published on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/climate-2/2030-climate-strategy>

The Council Emission Reduction Plan was also published in 2021 and sets out actions to reduce carbon emissions within our seven key areas of operation. This is published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MIId=7345>

Please refer to 'Item 7.1 – Council Emissions Reduction Plan – Annual Progress Report'

Progress to date can be viewed in this report on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/climate-2/track-progress-net-zero/2>

c. What is the authority's declared net zero target date?

The City of Edinburgh Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and at that time also set an ambitious target to become a Net Zero city by 2030.

Technical and Infrastructure

a. What percentage of the fleet were EV or hybrid vehicles in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?

b. What was the total number of fleet vehicles (diesel, petrol, hybrid, and electric) in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?

Please refer to the table below.

Financial Year	EV/ Hybrid Vehicles		Total Fleet Numbers				Capital Expenditure on EV/ Hybrid	
	Percentage of Electric Vehicles	Percentage of Hybrid Vehicles	Diesel	Petrol	Hybrid	Electric	Hybrid	Electric
2024/25	26%	0%	834	203	0	364	£0	£744,685
2023/24	19%	0%	942	203	0	268	£0	£1,228,945
2022/23	12%	0%	1055	203	0	173	£0	£2,175,000
2021/22	12%	0%	1059	198	0	173	£0	£0
2020/21	11%	0%	1036	198	0	144	£0	£0
2019/20	9%	0%	996	198	0	116	£0	£0

c. Has the authority implemented the use of low carbon fuels (e.g., HVO)? If so, what year did this begin?

No.

d. What percentage of the fleet used low carbon fuels in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25 since implementation, if applicable?

Not applicable.

Financial and Economic Implications

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?

Please refer to the table above.

b. What was the level of financial reserves (in £) held by the authority in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?

The Audited Annual Accounts from 2018-19 to 2023-24 are available on the Council's website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13145/audited-annual-accounts>

The 2024-25 accounts are still in the process of being audited, however the Unaudited Annual Accounts 2024-25 were considered by Members of Council on 19 June:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s85319/7.2%20-%20Unaudited%20Annual%20Accounts%202024-25.pdf>

For each financial year, Total Reserves are shown in the Balance Sheet, with further details available in the 'Movement in Reserves Statement'.

c. as external or grant funding been used to purchase low carbon or zero carbon vehicles, or implement EV charging infrastructure?

Yes.