

Social care in Wales – Decarbonisation Routemap towards Net Zero by 2030

Moving up a gear (2021-2022)

Understanding the context, formalising actions to accelerate and securing stakeholder sponsorship.

Short term

The 'Health and Social Care Climate Emergency National Programme Board' will **embrace the decarbonisation of the social care sector** and support the delivery of a future decarbonisation strategy.

Local Authorities will fully **support** the Climate Emergency for Wales declaration in the delivery of social care, by championing a future **decarbonisation strategy**.

Key stakeholder groups, including the National Commissioning Board, ADSS Cymru and social care provider forums will **add decarbonisation as a fixed item on their agenda**.

Welsh Government and local authorities will further understand and **appraise the assessment of carbon emissions of the social care sector**. This will include identifying the sector's emissions within a local authority's whole footprint, **improving the approach to data management**, and putting in place a system that enables stakeholders to **monitor progress**.

Local Authority '**Carbon Management Plans**' will **specifically address decarbonisation in the social care sector** and set out actions to be undertaken within the identified time frame. Where Plans are already in place and social care has been omitted, social care addendums will be developed.

Well on our way (2022-2026)

An expectation that low carbon is becoming the norm for a Net Zero social care sector and stakeholders are aware of what has to be done.

The carbon impact will be appraised in planning, commissioning, and the delivery of social care. **The reduction of carbon emissions will be mandated** within new procurement contracts for social care providers and the social care related supply chain.

Local Authorities and **social care providers will promote active travel**, consider models of care that reduce travel mileage and strengthen the local community workforce while Welsh Government will provide incentives to **pursue the provision of ultra-low emission vehicles**, the necessary infrastructure as well as public transport.

Medium term

New developments and refurbishments of social care buildings will be designed and built according to Net Zero building standards, which includes the provision of low-carbon heat, the generation of renewable electricity and the provision of EV charging. The Welsh Funding Programme or other incentives are considered as funding routes for energy efficiency and renewable energy technology.



Education and carbon literacy programmes will be undertaken for **social care workers** and those who commission and procure social care services. The sector will **share activities and learning** via social care stakeholder groups.

Welsh Government and local authorities will develop the approach to the **procurement of social care providers to appraise their sustainability credentials** and exert greater influence in the supply chain.



Achieving our goal (2026-2030)

Net Zero has become routine, is culturally embedded and self-regulating.

Long term

A smart and positive approach to modern, **environmentally friendly**, low carbon, **high-quality social care will be incorporated into all processes, energy and carbon reporting/monitoring is common practice**.

Every building used for social care will have undergone energy-efficiency upgrades – low carbon heating will be utilised, renewable energy will be generated on-site and/or provided by community projects where feasible.

Any procured **social care related service or product will also be appraised in terms of carbon**. Besides delivery of social care at the highest standards, the commissioning of social care will have a clear low carbon approach.

Low carbon travel will be established and social care providers will be implementing low carbon travel plans as standard.

Social care related carbon emissions will have reduced, and the sector will be aware of how to **achieve Net Zero by 2030**. Focus groups and panels will concentrate on lessons learnt, progress monitoring and related activities such as biodiversity, and adaptation.



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