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Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Climate targets.

You have requested the following information:

1) The Council released its draft Climate Change Strategy in 2023. The strategy highlights “the city council's priorities to take it to the year 2030, when it hopes to achieve a 55% reduction in carbon emissions to 1990 levels, which it signed up to last year as part of the Commitment of the Covenant of Mayors”.

Has the Council produced an assessment of how much progress it has made towards achieving a 55% reduction in carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2030? If it has, can the Council share the latest assessment and the evidence supporting it.

To enable a full and independent analysis of the city's impact on carbon emissions, and to better inform priority areas, the Council (alongside Coventry's independent Climate Change Board), commissioned Professor Andy Gouldson to produce a Zero Carbon Routemap for Coventry. The Routemap identifies that Coventry's direct carbon emissions (scope 1 and 2 emissions) have fallen by 48% since 2000. Please refer to the link below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/7469/net-zero-carbon-route-map-for-coventry>

As the Council continue to develop the final version of the strategy, a Climate Action plan will be developed alongside the Strategy which will set out the clear and practical actions that the Council, a well as our partners, businesses and communities need to take to meet net zero and create a more sustainable future city. The action plan will be linked to performance indicators which will be

monitored, and reported annually through the One Coventry Performance Framework.

2) The draft strategy also mentions “specific deadlines and milestones which the strategy and action plan will have to address”.

These include:

- **Public Buildings emissions – all public sector buildings are required to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030 and 75% by 2037 (from a 2017 baseline).**
- **Energy Performance Certificate ratings – all commercial buildings must have an EPC of a minimum of B by 2030.**
- **Gas boilers – gas boiler sales will be banned from 2035.**
- **Vehicles – phase out of new petrol/diesel cars and vans by 2030 and new non-zero emissions HGVs under 26tonnes by 2035 and all HGVs by 2040. From 2022 building regulations will require EV charge point in all new homes and new and existing non-residential buildings.**
- **Power system – plans to be zero carbon by 2035.**

Has the Council produced an assessment of how much progress it has made towards meeting these deadlines and milestones? If it has, can the Council share the latest assessment and the evidence supporting it.

The draft Climate Change Strategy highlights the milestones above which were national government policy. The government has since announced changes to some of these after the draft climate change strategy was published. These changes, along with any others, will be reflected once the final strategy is published. In each case, they are national government policy, which will guide our activity.

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