



Coventry among 105 cities globally to score an “A” for leading climate action

- Coventry scores top grade on climate action according to environmental impact non-profit organisation CDP.
- CDP names 105 cities as leaders on climate action and transparency, more than double the number in 2019.
- Cities on the A List are taking on over three times as many climate actions as others

Coventry has been recognized as a global leader on climate action and transparency, achieving a place on CDP's Cities A List.

Last year, 43 cities were recognised for their climate leadership and transparency, compared to 105 this year, 65% of which are new arrivals.

CDP is once again publishing its Cities A List to demonstrate how cities are stepping up to the helm, leading on ambitious and urgent climate action. In 2019, CDP scored cities A (Leadership), B (Management), C, (Awareness) and D (Disclosure) based on completeness and quality of their data, and the level of action taken.

To score an A, a city must have a city-wide emissions inventory, have set an emissions reduction target, published a climate action plan and have completed a climate adaptation plan to demonstrate how it will tackle climate hazards now and in the future among other actions.

Analysis has shown that on average cities on the A List are taking over three times as many climate actions as non-A List cities. This represents five times as many actions to cut emissions and curb future warming, and twice as many to adapt to current climate hazards, from flooding to extreme heatwaves.

Kyra Appleby, Global Director for Cities, States and Regions at CDP, said:

“In the year of COP 26, the world’s attention is turned to state governments to ratchet up their carbon reduction commitments. Cities, however, are uniquely placed to deliver urgent action. These 105, including Coventry demonstrate how they are setting an example for others to follow, and we congratulate them for their leadership.”

Coventry has been recognized for its actions in the last reporting year to develop robust climate change strategies, track and act to limit and reduce emissions, assess and mitigate climate risks and transparently report this information in its 2019 disclosure to CDP.”

Cllr Jim O’Boyle, Cabinet Member, for Jobs and Regeneration at Coventry City Council, said:

“This is really encouraging news for the city especially as the Council and other organisations are absolutely committed to addressing all aspects of climate change.

We know how important it is to be clear on the challenges we face and the steps we need to take to reduce carbon emissions in the city.

Key initiatives include the green business programme which is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), where we are helping businesses to reduce their impact on the environment through funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy powered solutions. Other major projects include our electric vehicle charging infrastructure, putting us second with the most amount of EV chargers of all UK cities outside of London and the launch of the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) later this year.

“Our approach is addressing climate change in a way that has the backing of the community and business, although we know we have lots more to do. It is also important that we learn from the work of other cities too.”

A number of projects are underway or in development which are focusing on the city's environmental activities. For a number of years, the City has had a district heating system, which is heating key city centre buildings from its waste to energy plant; energy efficient street lighting resulting in a 38% energy reduction and the first embedded cross disciplinary energy research hub is located at one of our Universities to identify the City's power supply needs and secure funding for critical power supply improvements.

In addition, we are meeting the challenge of future mobility using battery technology to create a new very light rail (VLR) system in Coventry (the first one in the UK) alongside CW LEP, Warwick Manufacturing Group and West Midlands Combined Authority. We will also have ten fully electric buses operating by April 2020 on major routes that have been identified as air quality hotspots.

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Note to editors

About CDP

CDP is a global non-profit that drives companies, cities and governments to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, safeguard water resources and protect forests. Voted number one climate research provider by investors and working with institutional investors with assets of US\$96 trillion, we leverage investor and buyer power to motivate companies to disclose and manage their environmental impacts. Over 8,400 companies with over 50% of global market capitalization disclosed environmental data through CDP in 2019. This is in addition to the over 920 cities, states and regions who disclosed, making CDP's platform one of the richest sources of information globally on how companies and governments are driving environmental change. CDP, formerly Carbon Disclosure Project, is a founding member of the We Mean Business Coalition. Visit <https://cdp.net/en/cities> or follow us [@CDP](#) to find out more.

A List Cities

Cities with * were also named in 2018 Cities A List.

Africa	South Africa	Cape Town*
		eThekweni
Asia	China	Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region *
	Indonesia	Balikpapan City Government
	Japan	City of Yokohama
	Republic of Korea	Seoul Metropolitan Government
	Malaysia	Iskandar Regional Development Authority
		Petaling Jaya City Council
		Seberang Perai Municipal Council
	Taiwan, Greater China	Kaohsiung City Government *
		New Taipei City Government
		Taichung City Government *
		Tainan City Government
		Taipei City Government *
		Taoyuan City Government
Europe	Bulgaria	Sofia Municipality
	Denmark	Gladsaxe Kommune *
		Helsingor Kommune
		Hoeje – Taastrup Kommune
		Horsholm Kommune *
	Finland	City of Lahti
		City of Turku
	France	City of Paris *
	Germany	City of Berlin

		Stadt Heidelberg
	Greece	City of Athens *
	Iceland	City of Reykjavik *
	Italy	Commune di Torino
	Latvia	Riga City
	Netherlands	The Hague *
	Norway	Baerum Kommune *
		City of Oslo
	Portugal	City of Lisbon
		Município de Guimarães
		Município de Sintra
	Spain	Ajuntament de Barcelona *
		Ayuntamiento de Vitoria-Gasteiz
	Sweden	City of Stockholm
		City Örebro
		Malmö Stad
		Municipality of Uppsala
		Sigtuna Municipality
		Västervik
	Switzerland	City of Basel-Stadt
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	BCP Council
		City of Leicester
		Coventry City Council
		Greater London Authority *
		Greater Manchester
Latin America	Argentina	City of Buenos Aires *
	Brazil	Municipality of Belo Horizonte
		Prefeitura do Rio de Janeiro
	Colombia	Alcaldía de Montería
	Mexico	Ayuntamiento de Celaya
		Ayuntamiento de Hermosillo

		Gobierno Municipi de Leon de los Aldamas
		Mexico City
		Municipio de Merida
North America	Canada	City of Calgary *
		City of Edmonton
		City of North Vancouver*
		City of Toronto *
		City of Vancouver
		City of Victoria
		City of Windsor
	United States of America	Boulder County
		City of Ann Arbor
		City of Baltimore
		City of Bloomington
		City of Boston *
		City of Boulder
		City of Cincinnati
		City of Cleveland *
		City of Columbus
		City of Denver *
		City of Emeryville, CA *
		City of Eugene
		City of Evanston, IL
		City of Fayetteville, AR
		City of Flagstaff
		City of Fremont *
		City of Indianapolis *
		City of Lakewood *
		City of Los Angeles
		City of Manhattan Beach, CA
		City of Oakland *

		City of Palo Alto *
		City of Park City, UT
		City of Philadelphia
		City of Piedmont, CA *
		City of Portland, OR
		City of San Francisco *
		City of Santa Cruz, CA
		City of Santa Monica
		City of Seattle *
		City of Somerville, MA
		City of West Palm Beach *
		District of Colombia*
		New York City *
Oceania	Australia	Canberra *
		City of Adelaide *
		City of Melbourne *
		City of Sydney *
	New Zealand	Auckland Council
		Wellington City Council