

# £3.3m for climate emergency and sustainability initiatives

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The council is investing £3.3 million to address the climate emergency and continue to develop sustainability initiatives.

The funding is part of the council's commitment to achieve net zero carbon emissions and create a greener, more climate-resilient community.

As part of the budget for 2025/2026, this £3.3 million investment will support a variety of projects, including:

- The installation of additional solar panels across council buildings
- The installation of LED lighting across council buildings, which will reduce energy consumption and lower carbon emissions
- The installation of energy-efficient floodlighting at Mile End Leisure Centre
- 1,000 new trees planted in 2025 to increase green spaces, improve air quality, and enhance biodiversity across the borough
- An innovative food waste pilot project at the Town Hall, turning food waste into compostable soil on site which can then be used by the council or made available to community organisations to use for growing and planting
- Encouraging the reuse and recycling of deconstructed materials from construction sites to minimise waste and result in significant carbon savings.

Cllr Shafi Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency, said: "This investment is a crucial step in our journey towards a sustainable future.

By prioritising climate action, we are not only protecting our environment for the future but also improving the quality of life for our residents now.

"Planting trees, creating more renewable energy sources to power buildings around the borough, and striving to decrease the impact of waste by increasing our involvement in the circular economy are all essential ways to take urgent action on carbon emissions."

- You can find out more about the council's work to improve sustainability and be more green at [towerhamlets.gov.uk/climate](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk/climate)