

Suffolk's Environmental Ask

In 2019, Suffolk's Local Authorities declared a climate emergency and committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their operations and services as well as working with partners in support of the aim of a net zero Suffolk by 2030.

Suffolk's Local Authorities have jointly adopted this Ask in order to improve the environmental impact of our procurement of goods, services and works. When purchasing goods, services and works we will evaluate the environmental response of bidders for our contracts.

In July 2026, Suffolk County Council rescinded its Climate Emergency declaration. All SCC environmental policies are undergoing a review in light of the new administration's priorities. The council remains committed to the protection and enhancement of Suffolk's natural environment and recognises the need to mitigate and adapt to the threats posed by climate change. The council also recognises the benefits to local businesses of a joint approach across Suffolk's authorities.

Supply Chain

We expect our suppliers to have a positive environmental impact when delivering goods and services:

- To measure and report annually their **carbon emissions** as an organisation alongside other environmental impacts;
- To develop and deliver a **carbon reduction plan** to achieve **Net Zero** emissions;
- To work to create a **positive impact** on the environment through initiatives such as waste and resource management, water management and biodiversity enhancement.

Supporting guidance on how to meet the Environmental Ask is available and should be read in conjunction with this document : [Supporting guidance document for Suffolk's Environmental Ask](#)

Further information

- Free carbon emissions calculators are available online, including the [SME Climate Hub calculator](#)
- Further information and advice for SMEs is available from the [UK Business Climate Hub](#)

We are members of the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership which consists of all Suffolk's Local Authorities, working with local organisations including Groundwork East and the Environment Agency. The Partnership not only shares best practice but also delivers on the ground projects that support communities, schools and businesses to improve their resilience to a changing climate and move towards net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

