

# WS7: LBM Procurement and investments

## Key areas of progress in 2023

Reviewed Merton's procurement process and tender documents to further embed carbon reduction in our requirements for new contracts.

Engaged with contract managers to embed carbon reduction in Merton's existing and new contracts (e.g. waste contract review).



Implemented Merton's new Contract Standing Orders (CSO) which require Responsible Officers to give due consideration to the Climate Emergency.

Investigated options for developing or commissioning a tool to support officers in embedding carbon reduction in all council decisions including procurement.

Incorporated climate considerations in the CSO training and Procurement Toolkit provided to officers.

Continued the decarbonisation of Merton's pension investments.



## Key priorities for 2024

Recruit a new member of staff to lead on the decarbonisation of Merton's procured services, and support contract managers and commissioners across the Council in engaging with suppliers to measure and reduce emissions from Merton's new and existing contracts.

Continuing to engage with suppliers to trial low carbon technologies in Merton's contracts where appropriate.

Pilot a tool to embed carbon reduction in all council decision making including procurement.

Develop and deliver bespoke training to empower contract managers and commissioners to consider carbon at all stages of procurement, alongside wider carbon literacy training for all staff.

