



## Sustainable business practice

Below is a list of organisations that are leading the way in providing support, guidance and the latest information on how you and your business can start contributing to advancing your understanding of the Council's response to the climate emergency and the public health crisis because of poor air quality. These organisations provide handy toolkits, most of which are free, to encourage you to take positive steps to reduce your carbon footprint and champion clean energy in order to achieve Net Zero targets.

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Newham Council	Newham Council has declared a climate emergency and set a raft of environmental measures to tackle global warming, poor air quality and waste. Newham Climate Now, the climate emergency action plan sets out some of the key steps we are planning to take.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses can suggest new electric vehicle <a href="#">charging point</a> locations</li> <li>• Emissions-based <a href="#">Business permit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sustainable travel</a></li> <li>• Low traffic neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Air quality - <a href="#">Anti-Idling</a></li> <li>• Energy and sustainability – <a href="#">advice for businesses, landlords and developers</a></li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk">www.newham.gov.uk</a>
Better Futures	Better Futures through partnerships and funding from the Mayor's Green New Deal Fund offers programmes designed for SMEs to support net zero readiness.	Better Futures+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person energy audits</li> <li>• Carbon calculator</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Better Futures+ – Better Futures</a>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinars</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• Digital badge</li> <li>• London based SME case studies</li> </ul>	
The British Business Bank	<p>A government-owned business development bank dedicated to making finance markets work better for smaller businesses. Whether you are looking for finance to start a business, grow to the next level or stay ahead of the competition, it also offers access to free tools and resources to help you make your business sustainable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green decoder- understand climate jargon</li> <li>• Sustainable business hubs for additional resources</li> <li>• Regularly updated articles of green news</li> <li>• Net zero heroes podcast and case studies from businesses that have made the change to becoming more sustainable</li> <li>• Tips for smaller businesses to make a positive impact on climate change</li> <li>• Attracting investment by going sustainable</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.british-business-bank.co.uk">www.british-business-bank.co.uk</a></p>
Business in the Community (BITC)	<p>Business in the Community (BITC) is the largest and longest established business-led membership organisation dedicated to responsible business.</p>	<p>Working with members to improve their responsible business practice, leveraging the collective impact for the benefit of communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the responsible business template</li> <li>• members have access to the Responsible Business Tracker</li> <li>• <a href="#">The right climate for business: leading a just transition</a></li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.bitc.org.uk">www.bitc.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="#">Podcasts</a></p>

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COP26	The United Nations Conference of the Parties, where representatives from around the world got together in Glasgow which took place in late 2021 to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.	Learn about how the negotiations at COP26 went and the outcomes achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The signing of the - <a href="#">Glasgow Climate Pact</a></li> <li>Agreeing the Paris Rulebook.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.ukcop26.org">www.ukcop26.org</a>
The Carbon Trust	A trusted, expert guide on the route to net zero, sharing experience from the climate change frontline. They have been pioneers for more than 20 years, driving real change with leading businesses, governments and organisations.	A range of tools, guides and reports to help your business or organisation achieve your sustainability goals.	<a href="http://www.carbontrust.com">www.carbontrust.com</a>
Energy Renewals	Specialists in energy management. An independent consultant, managing businesses' energy requirements, monitoring their usage and identifying where efficiencies can be made.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help to qualify for the largest business grants for energy efficiency.</li> <li>Assistance in getting grants to green your business.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.energyrenewals.co.uk">www.energyrenewals.co.uk</a>
Food & Drink Federation	The FDF is a voice for the UK's diverse food and drinks manufacturing industry having contributed to policy-making and legislative developments.	Free resources on climate change and net zero include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reports on net zero and road map</li> <li>links to podcasts</li> <li>events and webinars</li> <li>case studies.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.fdf.org.uk">www.fdf.org.uk</a>
FSB Sustainability Hub	As a member of The Federation of Small Businesses, you can get access to a whole host of benefits such as The FSB Sustainability Hub, which offers sustainability planning and offers guides and resources to	Getting started: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reducing your energy consumption, water usage and waste</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.fsb.org.uk">www.fsb.org.uk</a>

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	<p>make sure you're always up to date to help you take the required steps to go green.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calculating your carbon footprint</li> </ul> <p>Reducing your carbon footprint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>food sustainability</li> <li>going digital</li> <li>cutting vehicle use</li> </ul> <p>Supply chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sustainable procurement</li> <li>purchasing for sustainability</li> </ul>	
GOV.UK	<p>The government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles.</p>	<p>EV chargepoint grant schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The voucher-based Workplace Charging Scheme provides the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charge-points for eligible organisations.</li> <li>The EV chargepoint grant provides funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle smart chargepoints for landlords.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a></p>
Heart of the City	<p>Supported by the City of London Corporation the Heart of the City offers a number of programmes designed to empower businesses as a force for good from the Foundations for Responsible Business programme to Climate for SMEs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource hub</li> <li>Exclusive members only workshops</li> <li>Climate action tool kit</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.theheartofthecity.com">www.theheartofthecity.com</a></p>

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London Business Hub	The London Business Hub is the Mayor's one-stop shop for businesses packed full of impartial, free advice to help with any issues that you might be facing.	Signposting to case studies, resources from other partner organisations, workshops and webinars.	<a href="http://www.businesshub.london">www.businesshub.london</a>
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park	Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is the responsibility of The London Legacy Development Corporation, created after 2012 to look after the planning and development of buildings and outdoor spaces surrounding the park.	<p>Project Shift London is designed to find creative solutions to the major challenges of city life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change</li> <li>• wellbeing</li> <li>• social justice.</li> </ul> <p>The <b>Shift</b> project provides opportunities for entrepreneurs to trial its products and services.</p>	<a href="http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk">www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk</a>
Small Business Britain	<p>Small Business Britain is the UK's leading champion of small businesses, no matter their location, their sector or their ambition level.</p> <p>They have partnered with BT, CISCO, Elitebusiness and Lloyds Bank Academy to support businesses on their climate response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Podcasts</li> <li>• Resilience</li> <li>• Sustainability basics</li> <li>• Unlocking digital potential</li> <li>• Small Business Planet</li> <li>• Mentoring programme</li> <li>• Six week sustainability basic programme begins in Sept 2022</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.smallbusinessbritain.uk">www.smallbusinessbritain.uk</a>
SME Climate Hub	The SME Climate Hub is an initiative that empowers companies to take climate action and build resilient businesses for the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources include links to <b>calculating</b> your emissions output, free courses on preventative action, access to resources and tools</li> <li>• signposting to green loans and other funding</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.smeclimatehub.org">www.smeclimatehub.org</a>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>making a commitment.</li> </ul>	
WMG	WMG is an academic department at the University of Warwick providing tools, resources and advice to help SME manufacturers reduce their energy consumption by up to 90%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business Energy Aid Toolkit (BEAT)</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.warwick.ac.uk">www.warwick.ac.uk</a>
Zero Carbon Businesses	This service is a partnership between business organisations, energy networks and professional bodies to give small businesses the advice they need to reduce their carbon emissions.	List of impartial support and sign posting to funding available to businesses based on their geographic location.	<a href="http://www.zerocarbonbusiness.uk">www.zerocarbonbusiness.uk</a>