

# **Climate change performance workshop**

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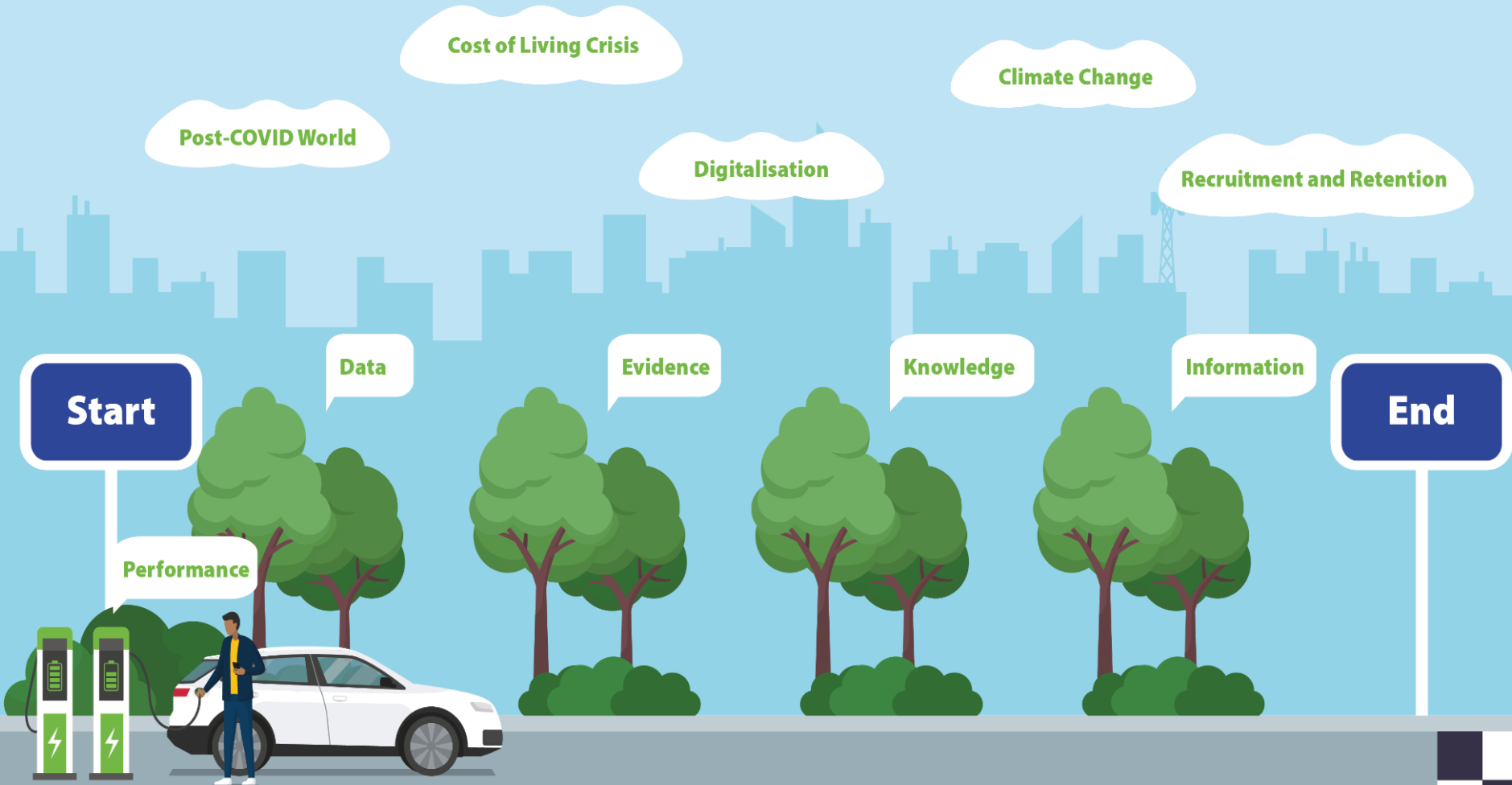
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# Agenda

1. Introduction and about the project – Debbie Johns
2. Demonstration of the reports – Andy Derbyshire

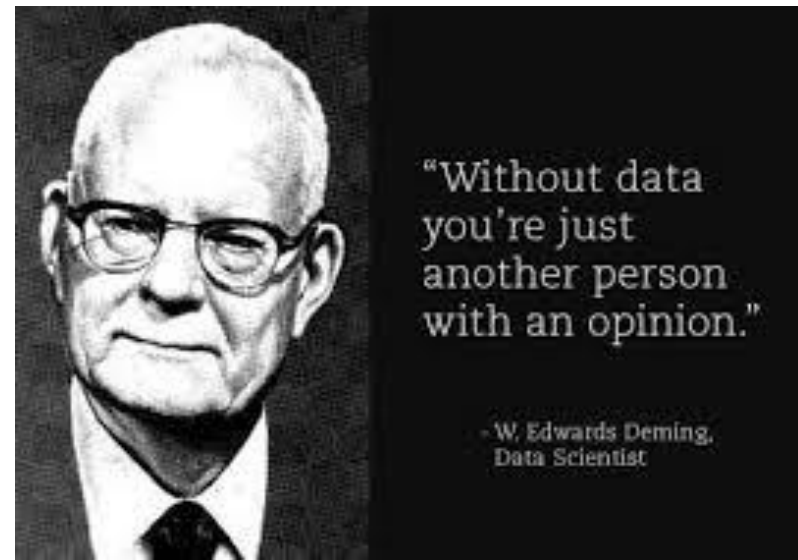


# Value of benchmarking



# Why do councils benchmark?

- Demonstrate value for money to stakeholders
- Demonstrate progression on carbon reduction/ecological actions
- Impact of service changes on cost, quality, productivity and customer satisfaction
- Learn how comparable local authorities are meeting the challenges
- Making decisions on how to change and transform your services
- Service reviews / efficiency savings
- To manage your services effectively



- The largest public sector benchmarking service in the UK
- Used by almost 200 authorities – most in for ‘all services’
- 27<sup>th</sup> year of data collection
- 19 service areas (including 4 inspection apps)
- Developed and reviewed by practitioners
- Range of cost, quality, productivity and outcome measures
- Like-for-like comparisons through profiling
- Independently validated
- Partnership working (e.g., Defra, Sport England)
- Monitoring progress on climate change

# Core family groups

- Determined by a series of key and secondary drivers
- The local characteristics or context in which the service is provided
- Relevant, valid factors with appropriate importance weightings that bring together comparable benchmarking partners
- Still enables regional comparator groups and customised groups

# All services

5% of service teams are a certified 'Carbon Literate' organisation

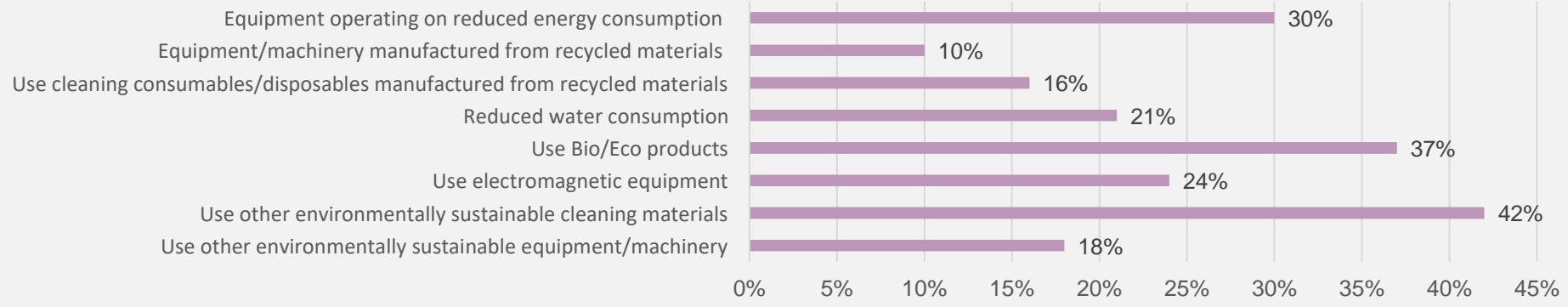
Management / Admin / Office / Professional / Support

9.2% have undergone formal 'Carbon Literacy' training and a further 7.2% have done climate awareness training

Front line/operational employees

2.1% have undergone formal 'Carbon Literacy' training and a further 4% have done climate awareness training

# Building cleaning



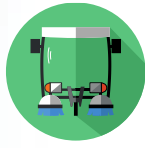


75% have an identified budget for tree maintenance

94% of a quarter of a million new trees planted were new schemes

18% is the average current canopy

22% is the average target canopy



14% sweepers (vehicles) are neither petrol or diesel

42% of motorised pedestrian sweepers are electric or battery



9% of refuse fleet is on alternative fuels

20% have at least 1 electric vehicle



43% councils have new or ongoing BNG projects

67% intend to go fully peat free

36% have a 'Pollinator' strategy



32% have any forms of renewable energy sources

81% re-use energy generated by the cremation process

82% manage grounds in a manner which promotes biodiversity

14% have 'locally sourced / ecofriendly' memorials available

46% offer a natural / green / woodland burial

43% have dedicated green / woodland sites





The average who....	Parks	Street cleansing	Roads/ highways
Have a weed control policy	<b>58%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>47%</b>
Use glyphosate	<b>88%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Reduced the amount of glyphosate used from 5 years ago	<b>73%</b>	<b>56%</b>	
What has this on average reduced by?	<b>55%</b>	<b>54%</b>	



Since 21-22.....

10% increase in the number of streetlamps that are LED

89% are now LED

Average annual electricity consumption per streetlight reduced by 19%

13% increase in streetlamps which had a registered dimming regime

Now 62% on CMS or dimming regime



34% use thermal mapping data

Average number of flooding incidents resulting from highway surface water issues is 232



53% have target for moving to Electric Vehicles or other non-petrol/diesel vehicles

9% vehicles are currently Electric Vehicles or other non-petrol/diesel vehicles

Two thirds targeting getting 100% onto electric vehicles



30% of provisions purchased / sourced from local suppliers

45% schools have set targets for reductions in energy consumption

55% have a policy for recycling food waste in Primary Schools

45% have a policy for recycling food waste in Secondary Schools



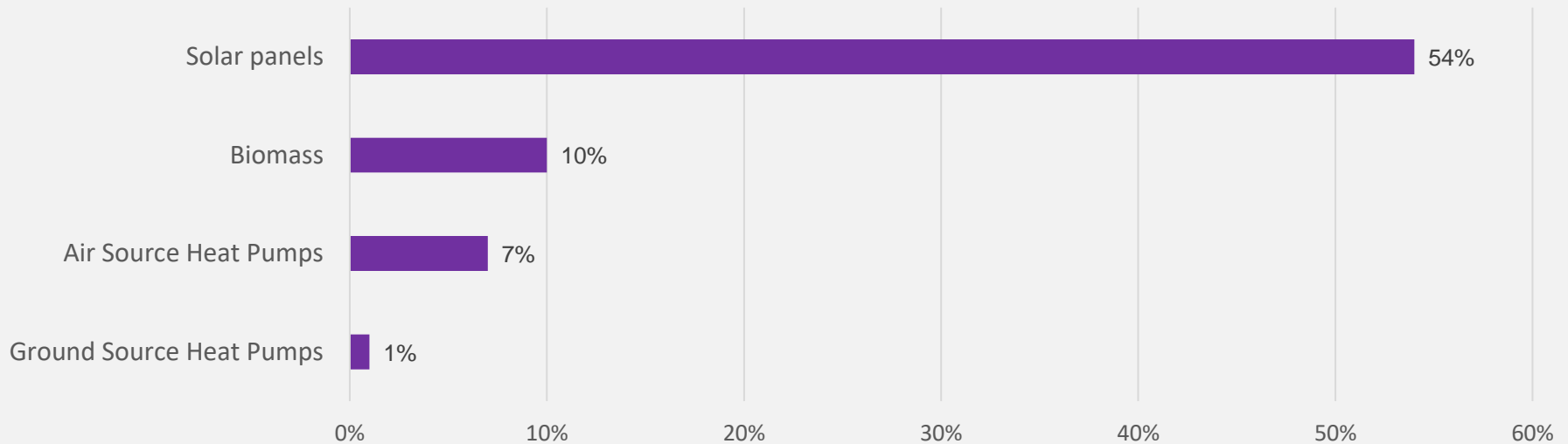


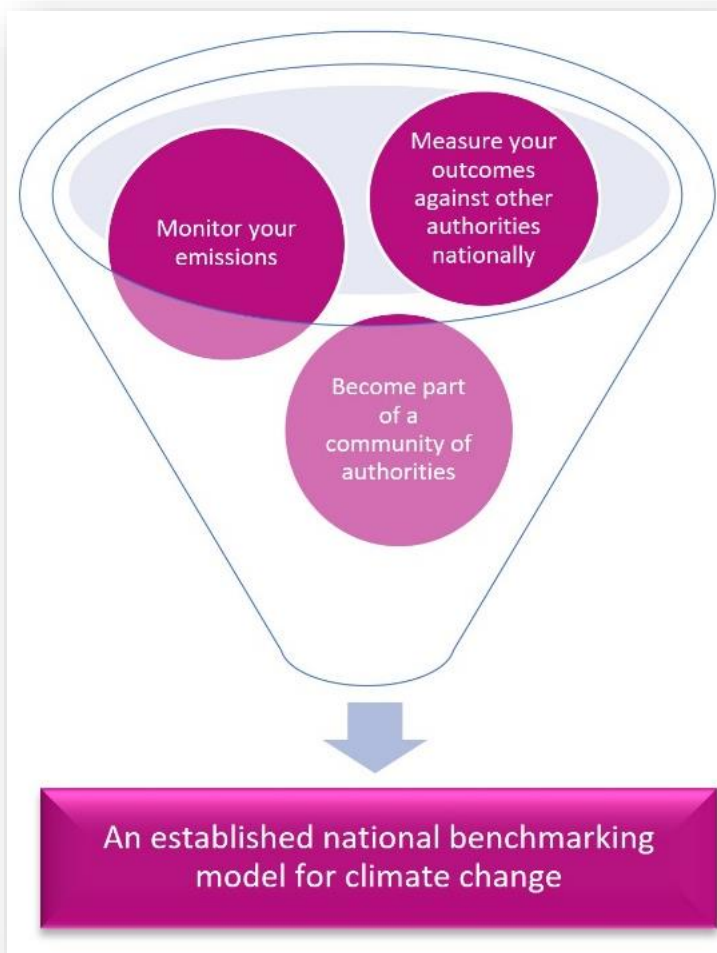
61% use renewable energy sources

75% cover swimming pools at night

31% use 'Heat recycling pump' technology

### Sports and leisure renewable energy sources





- Climate emergency
- Carbon budget
- Emissions
- Buildings
- Energy efficiency (in whole building stock)
- Vehicles
- Energy usage
- Renewable energy generated
- Energy purchased
- Climate adaptation
- Ecological emergency
- Renewable generation
- Ecological/ carbon sequestration
- Carbon Offsetting
- Water
- Single use plastics
- Climate awareness and education

# Progress and Timetable

- Pilot for 22-23 – designed template and measures
- 9 councils completed
- Power BI Report published
- Revised template for 23-24 and distributed this
- 77 councils registered
- 21 councils completed
- Report production – January 2025
- Working group – April 2025

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