

Video Transcript – Taking Climate Action: Our Progress 2025

[0:00-1:35] **Chris Hayward, Policy Chairman & background music:** Climate action is the bedrock of a flourishing and resilient city, one capable of adapting and thriving even as environmental realities evolve.

And I am pleased to say that this year's climate action progress report shows real momentum.

We are strengthening the Square Mile as a responsible, sustainable, and competitive global city by working to reach net zero, building climate resilience and championing sustainable growth.

The latest numbers are striking. We've cut emissions in the Square Mile by 24%, equivalent to the power consumed by 81,000 homes for a year.

And we've created more than 70 hectares of wildflower meadows across our open spaces, stretching far beyond the capital, an area comparable with 100 football pitches.

And what's more. We've slashed our carbon emissions from our own organisation's activities by more than 25% since our baseline, keeping us and the Square Mile on track for net zero by 2040, a decade ahead of national targets.

I'm very proud of our progress, and I urge you to read the full report and explore its findings.

It's available to download from our website.