

Interim Climate Emergency Action Plan – 2020-2021

Actions for the Year Ahead

Further to approval of the Climate Emergency (CE) Strategy for the Borough, work will now commence on a public consultation process to inform and influence the Climate Emergency Action Plan for the Borough, detailing those measures to be undertaken to deliver the Strategy, to 2030.

However, the Authority acknowledges the urgency of the Climate Emergency facing the Borough and the CE task group is keen that work on delivering the CE Strategy is not delayed and so, in tandem to the consultation process and production of the Action Plan, there is to be an Interim CE Action Plan, detailing those works to be prioritised during 2020 and 2021. These will be reported upon when the full Action Plan is presented to Council in July 2021.

The interim actions detailed below have been developed by the CE task group, with a view to setting some goals over the next 12 months.

Action No.	Action	Broad Climate Emergency Strategy Theme
Climate Emergency Action Plan		
1	Public consultation to inform and influence the development of the CE Action Plan, to include a Carbon cost benefit analysis	Umbrella theme
2	Presentation of draft CE Action Plan to Full Council in July 2021	Umbrella theme
3	Annual review of CE Strategy with report to Full Council in July 2021 to include updated measure of carbon footprint for 2019-2020 and achievements to date.	Umbrella theme
4	Development of a CE citizen assembly to assist and challenge delivery of CE Action Plan	Umbrella theme
5	Develop a CE staff forum	Umbrella theme
Carbon Reduction measures		
6	Participate in consultations and lobby national Government for affordable retro-fitting of existing housing stock	Energy and Built Environment
7	Participate in wider consultations relating to the CE agenda, specifically those from central government departments.	Umbrella theme
8	Investigate options for the retro-fitting of services for existing domestic housing stock, beyond those measures already catered for.	Energy and Built Environment

9	Seek funding opportunities for low carbon energy	Energy and Built Environment
10	Being discussions with planning department to optimise carbon reduction measures with submitted planning applications and development of polices.	Energy and Built Environment
11	Work with residents / landlords to improve thermal efficiency and reduce energy demand of privately owned domestic housing stock	Energy and Built Environment
12	Decarbonisation of heat supplies – continue work to heat our own buildings using renewable energy sources. Investigate options to obtain all carbon based energy to be purchased via green energy tariffs	Energy and Built Environment Consumption
13	Work with departments to improve energy efficiency of Worden Park, Hurst Grange Park Coach House etc as part of redevelopment	Energy and Built Environment Consumption
14	Promote best use of technology to prevent unnecessary business related travel	Transport
15	Investigate improvements that can be made to the boroughs waste management to include reduction, recycling include Council recycling service and recover	Waste
16	Climate Emergency task group to pilot paper free meetings and report findings of pilot study to Council	Waste
17	Undertake a waste and printing audit in the Council with a view to minimisation and reduction and investigate how we can recycle hard to recycle waste	Waste Consumption
18	Investigate the potential for including a consideration of GHG emissions within the Borough Investment Fund .	Umbrella
Climate Emergency - Resilience		
19	Work with partners to investigate and control the spread of food and water related infectious diseases	Resilience
20	Ensure the Council's pest control service remains fit for purpose	Resilience
21	Work with partners to protect food safety within the Borough	Resilience
22	Ensure new and existing housing stock meets national standards and protects public health	Resilience
23	Work with partners to prevent flooding and react swiftly where it occurs	Resilience

Update on actions

Climate Emergency Action Plan	
1	<p>Public consultation to inform and influence the development of the CE Action Plan, to include a Carbon cost benefit analysis</p> <p><i>The public consultation was undertaken in the later half of 2020, the consultation was extended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. XXX responses were received to the action plan, unfortunately due to the pandemic restrictions there were few responses received from schools and businesses.</i></p>
2	<p>Presentation of draft CE Action Plan to Full Council in July 2021</p> <p><i>The Action Plan is to be presented to Full Council at the July 2021 meeting for approval. It is envisaged that the document will be reviewed periodically, and another consultation undertaken post Covid-19 Pandemic.</i></p>
3	<p>Annual review of CE Strategy with report to Full Council in July 2021 to include updated measure of carbon footprint for 2019-2020 and achievements to date.</p> <p><i>A review of the Strategy and carbon footprint calculation for the Council operations and the borough has been undertaken and is due to be reported to Full Council in July 2021.</i></p>
4	<p>Development of a CE citizen assembly to assist and challenge delivery of CE Action Plan</p> <p><i>This has been delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic</i></p>
5	<p>Develop a CE staff forum</p> <p><i>This has been delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic</i></p>
Carbon Reduction measures	
6	<p>Participate in consultations and lobby national Government for affordable retro-fitting of existing housing stock</p> <p><i>It has been advised that the Climate Emergency Task Group cannot at this time lobby national Government, members may wish to consider agreeing a scope to allow the group to proceed with this action.</i></p>
7	<p>Participate in wider consultations relating to the CE agenda, specifically those from central government departments.</p>

8	<p>Investigate options for the retro-fitting of services for existing domestic housing stock, beyond those measures already catered for.</p> <p><i>Visits and further research are planned following the complete lifting of restrictions imposed as part of the pandemic</i></p>
9	<p>Seek funding opportunities for low carbon energy</p> <p><i>Grant bids have been submitted in relation to air quality, particulate matter, electric vehicles charging points, A bid was submitted to the Salix as part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Plan, £145,005 has been awarded for works to the Civic Centre. Additional bids for electric vehicle charging points are planned and it is anticipated future opportunities will be available for further decarbonisation bids.</i></p>
10	<p>Being discussions with planning department to optimise carbon reduction measures with submitted planning applications and development of policies.</p> <p><i>Delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The task group are looking to invite a planning specialist to attend a meeting in the near future to advise on actions that can/have be taken by other Councils.</i></p>
11	<p>Work with residents / landlords to improve thermal efficiency and reduce energy demand of privately owned domestic housing stock</p> <p><i>A proactive Housing enforcement officer has been appointed to assist with this project. Poorly insulated properties within the borough have been identified and work will be undertaken to improve the efficiency of these dwellings.</i></p>
12	<p>Decarbonisation of heat supplies – continue work to heat our own buildings using renewable energy sources. Investigate options to obtain all carbon based energy to be purchased via green energy tariffs</p> <p><i>An investigation of the available tariffs has been undertaken and at this time it is not financially viable to change supplies. Solar panels have been installed at the Civic Centre and additional panels are due shortly. Work is underway to look at generating renewable energy within a South Ribble co-op</i></p>
13	<p>Work with departments to improve energy efficiency of Worden Park, Hurst Grange Park Coach House etc as part of redevelopment</p> <p><i>A consultation exercise has been undertaken as part of this work and some improvements have been made.</i></p>

14	<p>Promote best use of technology to prevent unnecessary business related travel</p> <p><i>Delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic</i></p>
15	<p>Investigate improvements that can be made to the boroughs waste management to include reduction, recycling include Council recycling service and recover</p> <p><i>Funding was secured to undertaken promotional work to improve recycling across the borough. Work is underway within the Council officers to minimise waste, improve recycling with a goal of zero waste to landfill.</i></p>
16	<p>Climate Emergency task group to pilot paper free meetings and report findings of pilot study to Council</p> <p><i>The task group agreed to go paper free for its meetings. Work is underway to roll this out across all Council meetings. The amount of paper agendas printed has been reduced by around 75%</i></p>
17	<p>Undertake a waste and printing audit in the Council with a view to minimisation and reduction and investigate how we can recycle hard to recycle waste</p> <p><i>This work has begun but has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic</i></p>
18	<p>Investigate the potential for including a consideration of GHG emissions within the Borough Investment Fund.</p> <p><i>Delayed due to the pandemic</i></p>
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