**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** | **Update** |
| **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 | **Public consultation complete.**  Hampered by Covid pandemic |
| 2 | Presentation of draft CE Action Plan to Full Council in July 2021 | **Complete.**  Report has been written and action plan is on the agenda. |
| 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. | **Complete.** |
| 4 | Development of a CE citizen assembly to assist and challenge delivery of CE Action Plan | **In progress** – delayed due to Covid pandemic |
| 5 | Develop a CE staff forum | **In progress** – delayed due to Covid pandemic |
| **Carbon Reduction measures** | | |
| 6 | Participate in consultations and lobby national Government for affordable retro-fitting of existing housing stock | **Ongoing**  Few consultations released on which to comment. Group not allowed to ‘lobby’ at this time |
| 7 | Participate in wider consultations relating to the CE agenda, specifically those from central government departments. | **Ongoing**  Few consultations released on which to comment. Group not allowed to ‘lobby’ at this time |
| 8 | Investigate options for the retro-fitting of services for existing domestic housing stock, beyond those measures already catered for. | **In progress**  Delayed due to covid pandemic |
| 9 | Seek funding opportunities for low carbon energy | **Ongoing**  Successful bid for £145,000 of funding to improve the civic centre |
| 10 | Being discussions with planning department to optimise carbon reduction measures with submitted planning applications and development of polices. | **Ongoing**  Delayed due to covid pandemic  Central Lancashire Local Plan still being developed with Climate related polices. |
| 11 | Work with residents / landlords to improve thermal efficiency and reduce energy demand of privately owned domestic housing stock | **Ongoing**  Delayed due to covid pandemic  Advice, promotion of available schemes underway. Enforcement of housing legislation being undertaken.  Proactive housing officer now in post to tackle rogue landlords and energy efficiency. |
| 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 | **Ongoing**  Phase 1 solar panels installed at the Civic centre  £145,000 grant funding secured to include Phase 2 solar panels, LED lighting |
| 13 | Work with departments to improve energy efficiency of Worden Park, Hurst Grange Park Coach House etc as part of redevelopment | **Ongoing**  Discussions held at planning stages for refurbishment works to influence design. |
| 14 | Promote best use of technology to prevent unnecessary business related travel | **Delayed**  Due to the Covid Pandemic, although this has assisted in reducing business related travel e.g. nearly 4,000 miles saved by elected members due to online meetings. |
| 15 | Investigate improvements that can be made to the boroughs waste management to include reduction, recycling include Council recycling service and recover | **Ongoing**  Recycling campaign completed  Ongoing work to reduce waste from the civic centre |
| 16 | Climate Emergency task group to pilot paper free meetings and report findings of pilot study to Council | **Progressing**  70% reduction in printed agendas achieved. Work to reduce further underway including to engage with members to find solutions to any problems identified e.g. IT hardware / software. |
| 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 | **Progressing**  Data is now being collated on paper and energy usage |
| 18 | Investigate the potential for including a consideration of GHG emissions within the Borough Investment Fund . | **Progressing**  Delayed due to covid, but early discussions have now been held. |
| **Climate Emergency - Resilience** | | |
| 19 | Work with partners to investigate and control the spread of food and water related infectious diseases | **Ongoing**  Liaison with external bodies e.g. FSA, BPCA, RSPH |
| 20 | Ensure the Council’s pest control service remains fit for purpose | **Ongoing**  Internal work to strengthen the councils pest control team is ongoing including to look at additional partnership working (income) from Chorley. |
| 21 | Work with partners to protect food safety within the Borough | **Ongoing**  Liaison with FSA, and internal work of the Env. Health food safety team. |
| 22 | Ensure new and existing housing stock meets national standards and protects public health | **Ongoing**  Improving current policies through the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan  Current planning and building regulation functions and enforcement  Enforcement of Housing legislation in the privately owned and rented sectors. |
| 23 | Work with partners to prevent flooding and react swiftly where it occurs | **Ongoing**  Working with LCC on flood resilience and flooding issues across the borough and through the planning process. |