

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	Complete.

	carbon footprint for 2019-2020 and achievements to date.	
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.