

# Actions and Progress Update

## July 2022

### Introduction

This document provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Climate Emergency Team and the members cross party working group. The work covers the Climate Emergency, Air Quality, Biodiversity and Housing Energy Efficiency enforcement agendas.

The report is presented in a sectional approach providing an over-arching update of key pieces of work together with specific progress against the Climate Emergency, Air Quality action plans and Green Agenda Corporate Programme.

Despite the pandemic progress has been made and the authority have been successful in securing a number of different grant applications which will assist in the achievement of the Council's overall goal of net-carbon neutral by 2030 and improvement of air quality.

### Key Outcomes

1. The £145,004 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Round 1 grant work to the Civic Centre has been completed. This has provided additional solar panels to the roof, solar panel battery storage, LED lighting throughout the building, a building management system to provide more control over the heating and improved hot water dispensers to each floor.
2. The £106,000 OLEV rapid charger electric vehicle points have been installed across the borough. Three of the four are currently live with the fourth due shortly.
3. Decarbonisation plans have been completed for the majority of the Council estate following the successful bid for £223,000 of Low Carbon Skills Funding, works on reviewing the outcomes of these reports are ongoing with a view to applying for additional decarbonisation grant funding.
4. A project funded by a £45,000 grant for enforcement of the Domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES) Regulations has been completed. This has identified all registered properties within the borough with an EPC rating below E, the current minimum requirement for the rental sector and has resulted in over 100 being improved. Saving both carbon emissions and assisting residents with more affordable accommodation.
5. We have secured £4,968,855 of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Round 3 funding to undertake works to the four Leisure Centres, Moss Side Depot and the Civic Centre to remove gas heating, improve energy efficiency and increase our use of renewable energy.

6. We have employed a Climate Emergency Engagement Officer to facilitate improved communication between the Council and interested parties, e.g. schools, friends groups, businesses and internally over the Climate Emergency, Air Quality and Biodiversity agendas.
7. We have secured an additional £142,500 grant funding to install 19 electric vehicle charging points (serving 38 bays) across the borough. This is aimed at providing charging facilities for those households that do not have the space for EV charging points at home.
8. The Council has achieved its objective of planting over 110,000 trees (one for each resident), a year ahead of the projected completion date.
9. A communication plan has been devised to ensure regular climate emergency related information is provided to the public.
10. Three continuous air quality monitors have been deployed in the borough, monitoring both nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter.
11. Funding secured through planning applications has enabled the purchased of air quality modelling software.
12. Signed UK100 pledge to be Carbon Neutral by 2030
13. Secured two interns to assist with Biodiversity baseline mapping, summer 2022.

## Climate Emergency Action Plan

### Transport

Commitment	Action	Progress	Timescale
<b>Electric Vehicles</b>			
<b>Improved access to EV charging points across the borough</b>	200 public electric vehicles (EV) charging points to be provided across the borough by 2030	SRBC has installed 2 free points at the civic centre, 4 rapid chargers and are in the process of being installed and another 19 chargers are planned for the coming year. In addition, 3 are to be installed at the Tennis Centre and 8 at Bamber Bridge Leisure centre. There are currently 82 additional public chargers available in South Ribble	
<b>EV provision as part of developments within the borough</b>	EV charging facilities to be required as part of developments within the borough, as per the SRBC EV charging point developer guidance	EV chargers are being requested on all relevant applications, as a minimum all new domestic properties and 10% of other parking should be fitted with EV chargers.	Ongoing Annual
<i>EV provision as part of SRBC developments</i>	<i>EV charging facilities to be provided as part of SRBC developments, as per the SRBC EV charging point developer guidance</i>	<i>Bamber Bridge Leisure centre new pitch, Tennis Centre improvements and McKenzie Arms development all to be fitted with EV charging points.</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<i>Decarbonisation of SRBC fleet</i>	<i>100% SRBC fleet to be electric vehicles by 2030 (subject to suitable technology)</i>	<i>2 fully electric, 1 hybrid, more to be replaced immediately (8-9 vehicles).</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<b>Redistribution of Council owned parking spaces</b>	(With the exception of accessible parking spaces) prioritise electric vehicle and cycle parking on Council owned car parks  Post pandemic, this will be reviewed to consider car sharing prioritisation too.	<i>Grant applications for EV chargers are utilising car owned car parks.</i>	Short term
<i>Introduction of EV lease scheme</i>	<i>Introduction of staff lease scheme for electric and low emission vehicles</i>  <i>Longer term, consideration of an electric vehicle only staff lease scheme</i>	<i>A new vehicle lease scheme has been launched, although this covers low emissions as well as electric vehicles.</i>	<i>Medium term</i>  <i>Long term</i>
<b>Promotion of EV funding opportunities</b>	To promote opportunities throughout the borough as they become available	No specific campaign yet	Ongoing Annual
<b>Active Transport</b>			
<b>Encouraging active transport</b>	Completion of the green links programme, to provide 8km cycling routes and 5km Walking routes around the Borough.  Use of planning process to ensure developments provide for active transport  Consider provision of adult Bikeability refresher training	Green links scheme completed  Travel plans requested through planning  Bike maintenance and cycle training being offered	Short term March 2022  Ongoing Annual  Ongoing Annual
<b>Delivery of central Lancashire strategy to promote active transport</b>	Use of planning process to ensure developments provide for access to public transport	LCC highways to comment on applications	Ongoing Annual

<b>Improved access to secure cycle storage facilities</b>	A minimum of 35 public secure cycle storage facilities to be provided across the borough by 2027	Unsuccessful grant application made to DEFRA, investigating alternative funding streams.	Medium term
<i>Further promote cycling incentives</i>	<i>Including the cycle to work scheme and cycle mileage, as appropriate</i>	<i>Cycle to work scheme still being offered by the Council</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<b>Encouraging behavioural change</b>			
<b>Provision of a communication platform to facilitate car sharing</b>	Post pandemic, research potential platforms for use across the borough, with a view to promoting car sharing in the future	Yet to commence	Short term (subject to pandemic restrictions and advice)
<i>Investment in communications technology to allow remote staff working</i>	<i>Assessment of equipment, infrastructure and training required to enable remote staff working as appropriate.</i>	<i>Covid ensured this progressed and hybrid working now being embedded across the Council operations.</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<i>Produce a business travel plan</i>	<i>Undertake a corporate travel audit to establish a baseline, review current travel and options for further reductions</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Short term</i>
<i>Offer personalised travel plans for staff and elected members</i>	<i>Encouraging staff and elected members to make more journeys using active transport, public transport or in shared car journeys.</i>	<i>On going</i>	<i>Short term</i>
<b>Encourage use of business travel plans</b>	Encourage businesses within the borough to make use of travel plans for their operations and staff. To facilitate this through the planning process; provision of guidance documentation/templates; and advertising	Not commenced, other than through planning applications	Short term
<i>Consideration of corporate mileage rates</i>	<i>Consideration of incentivised mileage rates for electric vehicles and low emissions vehicles</i>  <i>Consideration of removing mileage rates for carbon based fuel vehicles</i>	<i>Not commenced</i>	<i>Medium term</i>  <i>Long term</i>
<b>Information and awareness raising</b>	To facilitate use of public transport, car sharing, schemes, active transport and electric vehicles	On-going	Short term
<b>Working for national change</b>			
<i>Lobby national Government</i>	<i>To provide fiscal incentives for the uptake of electric vehicles, provision of an adequate infrastructure and use of active transport. To provide a level playing field for the provision and use of public transport across the country</i>	<i>Not commenced – to be delivered through the task group</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<i>Respond to transport related consultations</i>	<i>To facilitate / promote delivery of above actions at earliest opportunity</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>

## Energy & Built Environment

<b>Improvements to Buildings</b>			
<b>Make best use of the planning processes to ensure all new housing stock is sustainable in design and affordable to heat</b>	Including encouragement of renewable energy generation	Awaiting new Local Plan. Discussing renewable energy generation on individual planning applications, inc. council led applications.	Ongoing Annual
<b>Work with private landlords and housing associations to encourage best practice</b>	Showcase high quality developments and best practice  Enforce housing legislation to ensure statutory compliance  Create a voluntary code of practice	MEES project completed, ongoing enforcement  Moves to create a national registration scheme	Short term  Short term  Short term
<b>Enforce private rented Minimum Efficiency Standards regulations</b>	Work with landlords to secure compliance	MEES Project	Ongoing Annual
<b>Investigate domestic retrofitting options</b>	To understand emerging technologies, and those options most efficient and effective for the borough	In progress	Short term
<b>Retrofit a domestic property</b>	SRBC to organise, to use as a flagship of best practice for the borough	Not commenced	Medium term
<i>The Council will seek to lead by example in its use of decarbonised energy</i>	<i>Production of decarbonisation plans for the Council estate</i>  <i>Implement findings of decarbonisation plans across the Council estate</i>	<i>Completed for the majority of the estate</i>  <i>Leisure centre, Moss Side and Civic Centre work underway to be completed by 31/03/23</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<i>Use LED lighting across the Council estate</i>		<i>Work at Civic Centre complete, Leisure Centres, Moss Side and Worden Hall underway.</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<b>Work with colleges and businesses to provide training opportunities</b>	To ensure the provision of training to meet local demand for installation of new technologies and retrofitting for existing housing stock	Not Commenced, some conversations have been held with Runshaw.	Short term
<b>Seek funding opportunities for low carbon heating</b>	To expediate the implementation of energy and building related actions, for example via public sector decarbonisation schemes	In progress	Ongoing Annual
<b>Energy Improvements</b>			
<b>Investigate potential for</b>	Produce an options paper, report to elected members.	Not commenced, some pilot schemes	Short term

<b>district heat networks</b>		across the region which are being reviewed/monitored.	
<b>Formation of a renewable energy co-op</b>	Working with residents to form a co-op for the local production of renewable energy	Started but needs to be progressed	Short term
<i>All electricity will be purchased via green tariffs</i>	<i>Rolling programme as present Council tariffs expire</i>	Not Commenced contracts renewal date Sep 2023	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<b>Investigate actions needed to improve capacity to store low carbon energy on Council owned land</b>	Produce an options paper, report to elected members	Not Commenced, batteries installed at Civic centre in conjunction with Solar PV installation.	Medium term
<b>Examine the possibility of large-scale solar projects within the borough</b>	Produce an options paper, report to elected members	Early discussions held with LCC, and some land owners	Short term
<i>Make use of emerging technology to continually improve how we act as an organisation</i>	<i>Continue to investigate opportunities for low carbon funding</i>  <i>Ensure SRBC developments make use of low carbon technologies and set an example of good practice for other development within the Borough</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<i>Annual reporting of the Council's GHG emissions</i>	<i>Reporting of emissions arising from Council activities and improvements</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<b>Assist small businesses in conducting their own energy audits</b>	Provide tailored information and advice to enable small businesses to assess their carbon footprint, produce decarbonisation plans and reduce energy demands	Not Commenced	Short term
<b>Learning from best practice</b>	Learning from best practices in Councils such as Bristol, Coventry and Cornwall where successful progress has been made	On going	Ongoing Annual
<b>Encouraging behavioural change</b>			
<b>Raise public awareness of smoke control legislation</b>	Raise awareness of, and enforce, smoke control legislation to reduce the illegal burning of wood and solid fuels	On going – Smoke Control campaign undertaken end of 2021	Short term
<b>Promote national Government low carbon incentives within the borough</b>	Provide information on emerging technologies and funding methods for residents and businesses	On going	Ongoing Annual
<b>Information and awareness raising</b>	To reduce consumer energy demand, and improved energy efficiency of buildings	On going provision of information. Communication plan developed.	Ongoing Annual
<b>Working for national change</b>			
<b>Lobby national Government to ensure low</b>	Lobby government to provide affordable net-zero measures that are accessible to all	Not Commenced to be delivered via the task group.	Ongoing Annual

<b>carbon energy is available and affordable for everyone</b>	Lobby government to raise the minimum standards for all new build projects via the planning process and building regulations		
<i>Respond to energy and built environment related consultations</i>	<i>To facilitate / promote delivery of above actions at earliest opportunity</i>	N/A	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>

## Consumption

<b>Reducing consumption</b>			
<i>As an organisation we will seek to reduce our purchase and use of high energy commodities, for example single use plastics and meat based products.</i>	<i>Annual review of single use plastics strategy.  Council has committed to eliminate the use of single use plastics by 2025</i>	<i>In progress  In progress</i>	<i>Annual Ongoing  Medium term</i>
<b>Provide free public access water fountains</b>	Post pandemic implement 50 fountains pledge, providing free public access water fountains across the Bborough	Delayed due to pandemic, restarted in June 2022	Medium term, or earlier as safe to do so
<i>We will move to a more plant based menu for functions and meetings, and to purchase products made within the UK in order to reduce transport miles.</i>	<i>As a Council we seek to set an example as to how to offer healthy, more plant based menu items whilst supporting local food businesses and reducing food miles</i>	<i>Not Commenced – needs leadership backing</i>	<i>Annual Ongoing</i>
<b>We will also work with partners, businesses and residents to encourage responsible consumption and share best practice.</b>	Campaigns and events to support buying local, buying seasonal	In progress	Short term
<b>Work with schools, colleges and partners to encourage more low carbon cooking and meals, and reduce food waste</b>	Both by schools/colleges and outside these environments by the students and staff	In progress	Short term
<i>Review Council procurement procedures</i>	<i>To ensure environmental implications are adequately considered and weighted for all procurement activities</i>	<i>Sustainability now included within procurement documents</i>	<i>Short term</i>

<b>Review of Council's use of insecticides and herbicides</b>	<i>To consider environmental implications</i>	<i>Underway</i>	<i>Short term</i>
<b>Work to improve the carbon emissions of Council events</b>	<i>Provision of environmental assessments for all large Council organised events by 2027</i>  <i>Council organised events to be carbon neutral by 2030</i>	<i>Not Commenced</i>	<i>Medium term</i>  <i>Long term</i>
<b>Reduce consumption of paper and cardboard across all Council activities</b>	<i>This will include a paper audit during 2022, to inform and influence change</i>  <i>We will reduce paper and cardboard consumption by 10% each year to 2024,</i>  <i>We will reduce paper and cardboard consumption by a further 5% each year to 2027</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Short term</i>  <i>Short term</i>  <i>Medium term</i>
<b>Reduce consumption by use of repair groups</b>	Facilitate local repair café/ groups to encourage repair instead of replacement	Being investigated by members of the task group and community hubs with a plan to roll out across the borough	Short term
<b>Use of street trading consents to prevent use of single use plastics</b>	Post pandemic, revision of Council street trading consent conditions to reduce use of single use plastics	Started but needs progressing	Medium term, or earlier as safe to do so
<b>Work to reduce packaging of goods</b>	Work with local manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and retailers to reduce packaging of goods, enabling consumer choice and reducing purchase of unnecessary packaging.	Work started to look at takeaways via members of the Task group	Short term
<b>Investigate potential reduction in consumption within the agricultural improvements</b>	Investigate potential savings and improvements across the agricultural sector, and how the Council can support the agricultural sector	Not Commenced	Short term
<b>Learning from best practice</b>	Learning from best practices in Councils and organisations where successful progress has been made	Ongoing, membership of a number of networks, including officer lead Lancashire network	Ongoing Annual
<b>Repair and re-use</b>			



<b>Reduce consumption by use of repair groups</b>	Facilitate local repair café/ groups to encourage repair instead of replacement	Being investigated by members of the task groups and community hubs with a plan to roll out across the borough	Short term
<b>Facilitate a cycle repair facility</b>	Facilitate local facilities to encourage repair instead of replacement	Being investigated by members of the task group with a plan to roll out across the borough. <i>Cycle maintenance classes being offered by the Council</i>	Short term
<b>Working for national change</b>			
<i>Respond to consultations</i>	<i>To facilitate / promote delivery of above actions at earliest opportunity</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>

#### Waste and water

<b>Reducing waste</b>			
<b>We will work with partners, businesses and residents to reduce the amount of waste produced, promote reuse and recycling of waste and examine means of using waste as an energy source.</b>	Investigate use of waste as an energy source	Waste reduction campaign to start in July/August 2022	Ongoing Annual
	Investigate recycling options for harder to recycle materials		Ongoing Annual
	Implement collection of hard to recycle items within Council occupied properties		Medium term
	Implement collection of hard to recycle items across the borough		Long term
	Investigate new technologies available to improve our recycling service		Long term
	Work with partners to make best use of technologies and maximise recycling opportunities		Ongoing Annual
	Investigate the introduction of a business recycling collection scheme		Short term
	Introduce a business recycling collection scheme		Medium term
<b>Investigate use of rainwater harvesting</b>	<i>Investigate the use of rainwater harvesting systems in council estate.</i>	Not commenced, although water usage being considered at planning stage.	<i>Short term</i>
	Promote safe use of systems with businesses, residents and schools		Short term
<i>As an organisation we will strive to lead by example, reporting our consumption and all those measures we are</i>	<i>Water &amp; waste monitoring – benchmarking, reporting and improving</i>	<i>On going as part of audits</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
	<i>Learn from best practice and promote this to local businesses and residents</i>		<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
	<i>By 2027 the Council will not send any of its own waste to landfill</i>		<i>Medium term</i>

<i>taking to improve our performance.</i>			
<b>As a borough, we will aim to send zero waste to landfill by 2030</b>		Commenced at the civic centre, but more work required.	Long term
<i>The Council has already committed to eliminating the use of Single Use Plastics by 2025.</i>	<i>Delivery of the SUP strategy including an annual review of our activities</i>	<i>On going</i>	<i>Medium term</i>
<b>Investigate those improvements than can be made to our recycling service</b>	Including the goods we are able to recycle and those we are able to offer the services to.	Campaign to start in later half of 2022. Pilot to be investigated for commercial recycling in 2022	Ongoing Annual
<b>Make best use of new technology to continually improve waste collection and recycling services</b>	Making services accessible to all	On-going	Ongoing Annual
<b>Work with schools and colleges to promote sustainable use of water and elimination of waste</b>		On-going. Water saving document produced inhouse has been sent to pilot schools.	Short term
<b>Investigate potential agricultural improvements</b>	Investigate potential savings and improvements across the agricultural sector, and how the Council can support improvements	Not Commenced	Short term
<b>Encouraging behavioural change</b>			
<b>Work with United Utilities, partners, businesses and residents to promote the responsible use of water throughout the borough.</b>	Promote responsible use of water amongst businesses and residents.  Promote use of water saving devices such as tap inserts, water efficient showerheads and dual flush converters to reduce water demand  Encourage the use of grey water storage for developments within the Borough	Work underway through planning process, little buy-in from UU at present.	Ongoing Annual  Short term  Short term
<b>Promote local repair and re-use activities</b>	Promote local repair groups  Promote local donation points for the re-use of goods	Being investigated by members of the task group and community hubs with a plan to roll out across the borough	Short term  Short term

<b>Work with residents to improve the percentage of waste recycled</b>		Campaign to launch in July/august 2022	Ongoing Annual
<b>Working for national change</b>			
<b>Learning from best practice</b>	Learning from best practices in Councils where successful progress has been made	Ongoing, membership of a number of networks, including officer lead Lancashire network	Ongoing Annual

#### Off-setting

<b>Tree planning programme</b>	<b>One tree for every resident, planting of 110,000 trees including 1 tree per primary school child as part of Queens Green Canopy platinum jubilee celebrations</b>  <b>Continue to work with schools on additional tree planting</b>	<b>Complete, over 110,000 trees planted a year earlier than planned. Another 27,000 to be planted this year.</b>	<b>Medium term</b>  <b>Short term</b>
<i>Protect and enhance existing Council woodlands</i>	<i>To promote biodiversity across the Borough</i>	<i>On-going, work to adopt biodiversity strategy ongoing.</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<i>Protect and enhance existing Council wild meadows</i>	<i>To promote biodiversity across the Borough</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Ongoing Annual</i>
<b>Investigate peat conservation opportunities</b>	Investigate potential local actions for improvements and conservation to peatlands	Under consideration as part of the biodiversity strategy, protected peat bog identified	Short term
<b>Ecological assessments for developments within the borough</b>	Through the planning process, provision of ecological assessments for proposed developments	New Environment Act will introduce this required from 2023, comments to introduce sooner will be made as appropriate.	Ongoing Annual
<i>Promote development of bee friendly habitats</i>	<i>Investigate how Council estate can be used safely to facilitate bee keeping</i>  <i>Utilisation of council assets for bee keeping as identified</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Short term</i>  <i>Medium term</i>
<b>Investigate additional carbon capture technologies</b>	Investigate those options suitable for the borough  Seeking funding opportunities for implementation of identified carbon capture technologies, including emerging markets for CO <sub>2</sub> use	Not Commenced	Short term  Medium term
<b>Promotion of re-wilding</b>	Encouraging re-wilding of areas of gardens and land across the Borough to provide food, shelter and corridors for wildlife	In progress, New areas being investigated via the Task group and community hubs	Short term

<b>Investigate additional potential offsetting measures</b>	Investigate potential local actions for improvements and conservation	Not commenced	Short term
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## Air Quality Action Plan

Action	Broad Topic Area	Progress
<b>To publicise and encourage the use of the Lancashire based Air Quality Guidance Document for Developers.</b>	Planning – policy / development control	Being utilised within planning applications to determine damage cost and identify mitigation measures.
<b>To include the above air quality guidance document within the revised Central Lancashire Core Strategy</b>	Planning - policy	In progress – not discussions held at this time
<b>To develop and embed a low emission strategy into planning decisions</b>	Planning – policy / development control	Complete
<b>To require a suitable air quality assessment in line with a published Air Quality Guidance Document for Developers for all planning applications as identified within the document</b>	Planning – development control	On-going – still not always obtained as part of original submission
<b>Develop an ‘Electric Vehicle Charging Points Guidance for Development’ guidance document and have this included within the revised Central Lancashire Core Strategy</b>	Planning - policy	Complete
<b>Ensure adequate Electrical Vehicle charging infrastructure is provided on all Planning Applications in line with the Council’s Electric Vehicle Charging Points Guidance for Developments</b>	Planning – development control	On-going
<b>Require suitable travel plans to be produced, and implemented on all relevant developments in line with the low emissions strategy</b>	Planning – development control	On-going
<b>Require secure cycle storage to be included on all relevant domestic, commercial,</b>	Planning – development control	On-going – further guidance for developers required.

<b>industrial, and leisure developments</b>		
<b>Require adequate changing facilities to be provided for use of staff / visitors for all relevant commercial and industrial developments</b>	Planning – development control	On-going
<b>Promotion of living walls / green roofs</b>	Planning	Not Commenced
<b>Investigate ways to limit the use of solid fuel heating in developments</b>	Planning	In progress
<b>Improved Planning enforcement</b>	Planning	
<b>Securing three major road developments identified within the Lancashire County Council 'Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan'</b>	Infrastructure	On-going
<b>To review all traffic light sequencing to reduce the amount of standing traffic</b>	Infrastructure	Lancashire County Council – Highways, will not assist – lack of staffing, budget and will
<b>To investigate the provision of a link road between Centurion Way and Tomlinson Road</b>	Infrastructure	Planning application for land has been granted no space left for link road
<b>Consider road layouts within the AQMA's to see whether improvements can be made to reduce congestion</b>	Infrastructure	Not Commenced, unsuccessful funding bid submitted to DEFRA.

<b>Look to improve signage to re-direct HGV traffic away from areas of poor air quality</b>	Infrastructure	Investigated, SRBC will need to fund, HGV traffic not a significant source of pollution in Leyland.
<b>Work with Highways England to improve signage to the motorways to advise HGV's to use Junction 29 instead of junction28</b>	Infrastructure	Highways Agency will install sign for £70K
<b>Provide advice and contacts to businesses to help them chose low emission vehicles, &amp; develop travel plans</b>	Infrastructure	Not Commenced
<b>Improve the cycle infrastructure within the borough, especially along routes to schools and employment sites</b>	Infrastructure	Lancashire County Council – Highways – Green Links project to develop cycle routes but not on commuter routes
<b>Maintain &amp; Sweep cycle routes on a regular basis throughout the borough</b>	Infrastructure	Lancashire County Council – Highways state they have no funding to complete this.
<b>Improve the electric vehicle infrastructure across the borough</b>	Infrastructure	Ongoing – 82 public EV points across the borough. 4 rapid EV chargers installed by SRBC, 2 free ones at Civic 3 at Tennis centre, 8 at Bamber bridge. A further 19 EV chargers to be installed (grant funding obtained) and an additional 40 being considered.
<b>Provide electric vehicle charging points on council owned car parks and buildings</b>	Infrastructure	On-going – 4 in, 19 in progress, additional 40 being considered.
<b>Offer free or reduced parking tariffs for electric vehicles</b>	Infrastructure	Complete – free parking for use of EV chargers
<b>Anti-Idling Campaign in declared AQMA's and outside schools, colleges and leisure centres</b>	Infrastructure	In progress, first phase undertaken, staffing an issue, new phase in later 2022 to be rolled out.

<b>Encourage the greater use of public Transport</b>	Buses & Taxis	Not commenced
<b>Work with taxi firms to encourage the uptake of low emission vehicles (Electric)</b>	Buses & Taxis	Campaign / programme run, needs further follow up work.
<b>Further reduce the age limit of taxis within the borough</b>	Buses & Taxis	Some reduction undertaken, needs member backing to reduce further. Work looking at emissions instead of age.
<b>Stop taxis and buses idling within AQMA's and outside schools &amp; Colleges</b>	Buses & Taxis	On-going anti-idling campaign
<b>To consider a reduced taxi license fee for electric vehicles</b>	Buses & Taxis	Complete – N/A
<b>To work with both bus and taxi companies to apply for any grant bids available</b>	Buses & Taxis	On-going as available – no bus company in the AREA.
<b>Implement an 'Electrify campaign – encouraging businesses to only use electric taxis</b>	Buses & Taxis	To be rolled out by EB following the installation of rapid chargers.
<b>Encouraging Car Sharing within the borough</b>	Travel Choice & Education	Not Commenced
<b>Development and delivery of education programmes to schools</b>	Travel Choice & Education	In Progress – New Engagement Officer post recruited to .
<b>Development of educational material for businesses</b>	Travel Choice & Education	In Progress information produced and being rolled out to pilot schools and via website.
<b>Development and run a campaign to reduce school traffic e.g. walk/cycle to school</b>	Travel Choice & Education	In Progress
<b>Investigate the provision of personal travel plans for</b>	Travel Choice & Education	Not commenced



<b>residents and employees within the borough</b>		
<b>Promote cycling within the borough, including cycle to work day, salary sacrifice scheme</b>	Travel Choice & Education	Cycle training, maintenance being offered – children and adults, New cycle paths – green links provided
<b>Promote walking within the borough, including promotion of walking routes, the Leyland Loop</b>	Travel Choice & Education	Green links new footpaths and upgraded footpaths offered.
<b>Encourage ‘walk to school’ and the use of ‘walking buses’ across the borough for all schools</b>	Travel Choice & Education	In progress
<b>Encourage elected members to car share and use alternative forms of transport, in particular to council meetings and functions</b>	Internal to SRBC	On-going – little take up – pandemic resulted in online meetings.
<b>Replace the mayoral car with an electric car</b>	Internal to SRBC	Hybrid car purchased.
<b>Provide education and information relating to air quality through members learning hours, leaflets and councillor connect</b>	Internal to SRBC	Members learning hours undertaken
<b>Air Quality shall be considered within the decision making process on every report to cabinet, council, portfolio holder decision etc</b>	Internal to SRBC	Completed – separate section on all reports – not always completed with relevant care and attention. Additional guidance note possibly?
<b>Replace the civic centre pool car with an electric car</b>	Internal to SRBC	No pool car
<b>Systematically replace the depot vans with electric vehicles</b>	Internal to SRBC	On-going, 2 fully electric, 1 hybrid 8-9 vehicles to be replaced and decision is required.
<b>Systematically replace grounds vehicles with electric vehicles</b>	Internal to SRBC	On-going – petrol operated machinery being replaced.

<b>as technology becomes available</b>		
<b>The provision of electric vehicle charging points at council buildings, initially the civic centre and depot. These may be provided free of charge to enable the installation of cheaper charging points and encourage the uptake of electric vehicles</b>	Internal to SRBC	On-going – Civic and Depot complete. Leisure centre in progress.
<b>Apply for the Workplace EVR point Government scheme</b>	Internal to SRBC	Not commenced
<b>Sign up to the nhs fleet solutions salary sacrifice scheme' this allows staff to purchase via salary sacrifice a new car (to be restricted to electric vehicles only) including all insurance, tax, and servicing</b>	Internal to SRBC	New lease scheme being offered, includes low emission vehicles but not just restricted to electric, not a viable option
<b>Provide secure lockable cycle storage facilities at the civic and depot</b>	Internal to SRBC	Complete
<b>Provide suitable changing rooms and storage facilities for use of staff</b>	Internal to SRBC	Complete – civic being used as a store,
<b>Continue with the 'bike to work' salary sacrifice scheme</b>	Internal to SRBC	On-going
<b>Provide cycle reassurance training for any member of staff, elected members who wish to receive it</b>	Internal to SRBC	On-going
<b>Encourage staff to use alternative modes of travel e.g. cycling and walking</b>	Internal to SRBC	In Progress
<b>Promote car sharing among staff</b>	Internal to SRBC	Not Commenced

<b>Alter the policy to allow essential users to leave their cars at home and walk/cycle to work on certain days in line with business requirements and manager agreement without the risk of loss of the lump sum</b>	Internal to SRBC	Complete
<b>Develop an internal travel plan and offer individual travel planning guidance to staff and elected members</b>	Internal to SRBC	Not Commenced

## Green Agenda Corporate Programme

- ▶ Installation of 5Km of Cycle/Pedestrian pathways - Complete
- ▶ Improvements to 8Km of footpaths across the green links programme - Complete
- ▶ Delivery of the OLEV grant bid to install four electric vehicle rapid charging points across the borough - Complete
- ▶ Plant 27,500 trees by March 2021 – Complete (110,000)
- ▶ Host the council's first event to contribute to the annual 'World Environment Day' in 2021 - Complete
- ▶ 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' campaign to promote, encourage and increase recycling and reduction in single use plastics - Complete
- ▶ Promotion of affordable energy saving schemes - Complete
- ▶ Paper audit of the organisation – In progress awaiting response from IT
- ▶ Energy audit of the Civic Centre – In progress – Struggling to obtain energy data.
- ▶ Audit of corporate travel – In Progress
- ▶ Installation of solar panels at the civic centre – Complete
- ▶ New cycle storage facilities at Moss Side depot - Complete

## Additional Work

Successful bid securing £4,968,855 of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding to decarbonise the Leisure Centres, Moss Side Depot and the Civic Centre. This will result in improved energy efficiency, and removal of gas heating at each site. Additional funding has also been allocated to refurb the buildings and provide further insulation works, further lowering the heat loss from the buildings.

The Councils target of 1 tree for each residents has been achieved a full 12 months ahead of schedule. An additional 27,000 trees will also be planted this year bring the total to over 137,000 trees.

A full communication plan has been developed identifying key opportunities for communications and engagement activities to raise the profile of climate emergency works. As part of this a corporate Climate Emergency logo has been created to help link all related works back to the main objective, net-carbon emissions by 2030.

Following the success of the grant funded Energy efficiency enforcement works within the private rental sector (£45,000) agreement has been obtained to continue the scheme. This helps to ensure

the private rental sector complies with the current minimum energy efficiency requirements help many of the residents who are in the greatest fuel poverty across the borough.

A draft Biodiversity Strategy has been drawn up and has been out for consultation. The final copy is to be approved in July 2022. As part of this work one of the first actions is to develop a baseline data set to identify what we have and where it is within the borough. To this end the Council has secured two interns from Lancaster University for the summer to undertake this review and survey work. The aim being to provide mapping layers detailing the extent of the borough's current biodiversity. This work will then support the development of an action plan to ensure we protect, and enhance the biodiversity across the borough.

The "Refill South Ribble" project has been launched aimed at reducing single use plastic usage across the borough. The scheme sees a number of businesses offering free water refills across the area together with publicly available water fountains in key locations.

### Engagement Activities

Various activities have been undertaken to improve engagement across the borough. Below is a summary list of some of the activities:

**Ready To Burn visits** – Solid fuel / Smoke Control advice and enforcement visits to retailers.

**Schools** – Contact made with local schools to determine their level of interest in support with Climate Emergency actions, visits undertaken to a number of primary and secondary schools

**Meeting with Penwortham Town Council** – to discuss partnership working along the Climate Emergency aims

**Community Hub meetings** – attendance at meetings to discuss Climate Emergency works and actions

**Police Bee Project**– to include anti-idling (currently on hold due to lack of Police resources)

**White Ribbon Garden Project** at Kingsfold

**Broadfield Community Gardens** project

**UK100** – attended coaching group on engagement and submitted case study on McKenzie arms.

**Climate Emergency Logo** developed in conjunction with Communication plan

**Solar together** – consideration of joining solar together project to roll out affordable solar panels to residents.

**Paper Making** – A number of paper making sessions held to build engagement within the community.