

Climate Change Action Plan: Council Operations

Our goal is to make the council's activities net-zero carbon by 2050.

ID	Theme	Action	Timescale	Priority
1.0 Measurement				
Gain an understanding of current emissions produced by the council, in order to set appropriate yearly reduction targets.				
1.1	Carbon footprint measurement	Measure the council's carbon footprint on a yearly basis and compare this against baseline data for the 2018/19 financial year.	Ongoing	High
2.0 Energy				
Identify areas to save energy, improve efficiency and generate renewable energy to achieve 100% clean energy across the council's full range of functions by 2050.				
2.1	Building efficiency	Commission energy efficiency reports for the council's main buildings to identify and implement measures for improvement.	Medium term	High
2.2	Asset efficiency	Work with tenants to identify and implement measures to improve energy efficiency of the council's leased assets.	Medium term	High
2.3	Amenity lighting	Explore opportunities to save energy by switching amenity lighting on council car parks and within parks and open spaces to LEDs.	Ongoing	Low
2.4	Renewable energy installation	Explore the potential for installing renewable energy technologies and storage within council-owned buildings, such as rooftop solar panels.	Medium term	High
2.5	Renewable energy generation	Review council-owned land for potential renewable energy generation and storage, such as solar farms.	Medium term	Medium
3.0 Waste				
Ensure waste across the council estate is appropriately disposed of or diverted from landfill using the waste hierarchy.				
3.1	Waste and single use plastics	Improve waste management techniques to reduce waste and	Ongoing	Medium

		single use plastics across all council locations.		
4.0 Transport				
Reduce the amount of emissions from staff commuting and business miles, and support the transition to electric vehicles within the council fleet and car parks.				
4.1	Vehicle fleet	Reduce the carbon footprint of the council's vehicle fleet through route optimisation and phased vehicle replacement.	Ongoing	Medium
4.2	Staff commuting	Measure staff commuting methods to determine the amount of indirect emissions produced, and explore options for reducing these.	Short term	Low
4.3	Agile working practices	To explore and develop agile working practices to reduce employee journeys and business miles.	Medium term	High
4.4	Active travel	Promote the staff cycle to work scheme and provision of cycling facilities, to encourage active staff commuting and healthier lifestyles.	Short term	Medium
5.0 Procurement				
Ensure council investments align with the Climate Emergency declaration and work to reduce emissions embedded within the council's supply chain.				
5.1	Pension investments	Work in partnership with neighbouring Local Authorities to influence the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry from the Lancashire County Pension Fund.	Medium term	High
5.2	Energy supply	Source a renewable energy supply to all council buildings.	Complete	High
5.3	Supply chain	Review the council's supply chain and identify areas to reduce indirect emissions by sourcing supplies locally, sustainably and efficiently.	Ongoing	Medium
6.0 Environment				
Effectively manage the council's wide range of land assets, to ensure these continue to naturally store carbon, cater for rising water levels, enhance our native biodiversity and provide space for people to use and enjoy.				
6.1	Land assets	Expand on the implementation of sustainable management	Ongoing	Medium

		techniques for suitable parks and open spaces within Wyre.		
6.2	Review land assets	Continue to review council-owned land to identify opportunities to enhance natural carbon and water storage.	Ongoing	High
6.3	Natural Wyre Action Plan	Create an overarching Natural Wyre Action Plan to review current practice and coordinate sustainable management plans across all council open spaces.	Medium term	Medium
6.4	Land use	If possible, the council should not allow its land to be used for anything that would result in the council not meeting the net zero target.	Ongoing	High
7.0 Staff Engagement				
Support staff to become climate resilient and embed climate action throughout all council departments.				
7.1	Advice and training	Maximise opportunities available from council membership of APSE Energy, a local authority collaboration to share information, resources and best practice for the green energy agenda.	Ongoing	High
7.2	Carbon literacy training	Introduce mandatory staff carbon literacy training to embed a low carbon culture within the workforce. Create climate champions who are equipped to facilitate future training courses.	Short term	High
7.3	New starters	Review information provided in job descriptions, the employee code of conduct and new starter packs to embed low carbon behaviours among new staff members.	Short term	Low
8.0 Funding				
Identify funding sources to enable the implementation of actions within this plan.				
8.1	Grants	Utilise professional memberships and partnerships to identify, prepare for and maximise use of grants and funding opportunities.	Ongoing	High
8.2	Funding streams	Explore the feasibility of new funding streams to support local	Ongoing	High

		recovery and generate revenue for green projects.		
8.3	Budget	Ensure all reports in preparation for the annual budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the financial implications of the actions the council will take to address this emergency.	Long term	Medium
9.0 Governance				
Embed climate and nature restoration goals within council decision-making and governance.				
9.1	Corporate strategies	Review all corporate strategies and plans to ensure these align with the council's Climate Emergency declaration.	Medium term	High
9.2	Officer working group	Creating a working group of officers to contribute to the Climate Change Action Plan and facilitate action within departmental groups.	Short term	High
9.3	Reports	Where necessary, officer reports to Cabinet and Full Council contain impact assessments on climate change and present alternative approaches that reduce carbon emissions where possible.	Short term	High
9.4	Scrutiny	Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee towards progress towards the zero carbon emissions target.	Ongoing	High