

Appendix: Climate Emergency Activity as at January 2021

Actions completed or approaching completion

- Switched to 100% renewable supply of electricity
- Appointed Carbon Trust to develop pathways to net zero for the Council and Town
- Baselined Council's total emissions output
- Undertook fleet data analysis and options appraisal for Electric Vehicles and Pool Cars – further work on hold until post-pandemic changes to working practices are understood
- Hosting Climate Assembly and Youth Climate Assembly
- Internal steering group structure in place including WOC's
- Initial interest gathered for membership of Blackpool Climate Assembly
- Included Climate Emergency on standard reporting template
- Approved Sustainability Impact Assessment process for major new projects
- Included 2030 objective in Council's Sustainability Strategy
- Tree Strategy drafted and ready for consultation, and funding secured for 2ha of planting to begin in February

Actions underway or planned

- Delivery of successful ERDF bid (£660k, £440k match from Council, other funding TBC) to deliver a whole place-based approach to increasing community resilience to carbon reduction and a net reduction of 405.6 tonnes of carbon per annum:
 - Retrofit of 120 Council houses on Grange Park estate
 - Build 30 new houses with air source heat pumps for affordable rent
 - Replace gas heating @thegrange with ground source heat pump
 - Eco-coaches to deliver 1-1 support across Grange Park
 - Programme of native tree planting
- Exploring switching street lighting to LED
- Exploring development of a solar farm
- Develop proposals for an Energy from Waste facility
- Develop training materials for staff on carbon literacy
- Report on costs of projects contributing to carbon reduction as part of 21/22 budget cycle, including where possible details of carbon reduction in tonnes
- Review suppliers charter and tendering processes
- Develop and deliver external marketing, promotion and behaviour change approach
- Pan-Lancashire environment work via Greater Lancashire Plan
- Develop Air Quality Strategy
- Proposal to develop roof-mounted solar panels on Council buildings

Actions currently on hold

- Internal staff communications campaign
- Develop and share Travel to Work survey with partners
- Furnish an example "show home" to showcase benefits of circular economy with BCH and B&FC