

Climate Assembly – Summary of Recommendations

Theme	Recommendation (green)/Reflection (blue)
Principles of climate action	0.1 Education for young and old people
	0.2 Make solutions to combat climate change available to as many Blackpool residents as possible by removing cost barriers
	0.3 Council to be accountable to residents for its actions
	0.4 Council to hold other local organisations to account
	0.5 Residents need to understand the impact of climate change at a local level
	0.6 Individuals need to understand what they can do about climate change issues themselves
	0.7 Grow awareness of climate change issues in Blackpool
	0.8 Act as an example for other Councils to follow
	0.9 Form partnerships with other Councils to reach shared climate goals
Generating and buying clean energy	1.0 Convene a taskforce to identify good practice about generating and using energy from natural resources
	1.1 Create a local energy plan based on the findings of the above
	1.2 Develop a central information point where all Blackpool residents can get information, advice and guidance
Transport	2.1 The Council should commit to public transport being the primary choice for getting around and into the town by 2022 by making it more accessible, frequent and less expensive
	2.2 Become a pedestrian and cycling-friendly town by 2023
	2.3 Implement an ultra-low emissions zone in the town centre by 2027, charging vehicles that are not electric for access
	2.4 Increase the use of electric vehicles by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encouraging businesses to increase the availability of charge points - reducing parking charges in the town centre for EV's - introducing a fully electric bus fleet - supporting and rewarding taxi companies for switching to EV fleets
	2.5 Encourage carbon-neutral options for visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - campaigning for more frequent/faster electric train services - Implementing a Park and Ride on the edge of the town centre
	2.6 Other options to encourage modal shift: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Car sharing schemes - Public transport vouchers - Season ticket loans
	2.7 Encourage more walking and cycling by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraging businesses to provide secure cycle parking - Encouraging businesses to provide cycle racks - Encouraging businesses to provide cycle repair services - Encouraging businesses to provide cycle hire services
Homes	3.1 Commit to exceeding current building regulations by 20% by 2025
	3.2 Lead by example in Council's buildings
	3.3 Introduce an Energy MOT for homes by 2024
	3.4 Work with contractors, developers and colleges to upskill young people
	3.5 Introduce the "Climate Contact Point" scheme – i.e. all interactions with public services should include an opportunity to discuss energy efficiency
	3.6 Support the rollout of alternative heating solutions, including community energy schemes, as long as people are supported to afford the technology
	3.7 Greater promotion and celebration of good energy efficient developments
Reducing Waste	4.1 Provide more options to sort waste at the point of disposal, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More bins for different types of waste in public spaces, homes and businesses, including food composting - More guidance on how to sort waste - More information on reducing waste
	4.2 Explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incentives for businesses, residents and tourists to reduce waste - Fines for excess waste or flytipping - Encouraging shops to sell produce without excess packaging/encouraging use of containers - Supermarkets and retailers working with universities to develop sustainable packaging
	4.3 Encourage composting

	4.4 Encourage donation of garden areas, plants and tools for communities to garden in
	4.5 Explore incentives for people participating in beach cleansing/public space cleansing including free entry to attractions or businesses giving paid days off
Education and Awareness	5.1 Schools in Blackpool should be provided with information and support on how to reduce their carbon footprint, expanding the existing eco-schools programme
	5.2 Schools should co-create a carbon reduction plan with young people, parents and teachers
	5.3 Schools should hold an annual competition and celebration around their progress
	5.4 Adult education should lead drop-in sessions for adults who wish to learn more about climate change
	5.5 Council should take a lead in collecting and sharing facts on climate change
	5.6 Expert information/learning should be made available via communication with residents, via community venues and schools
	5.7 Climate solutions and science should be prioritised in the classroom, including in partnership with local businesses
Community Action	6.1 The community should set up action groups to respond to particular issues
	6.2 Local education organisations collectively should set up and manage a single website that provides information about climate change and how residents can get involved
	6.3 Community Champions should be identified to take projects forward, tapping into the existing volunteer base
	6.4 Use social media to bring people together
	6.5 Use established groups such as PACT meetings to build awareness
Network-building and influencing national government	7.1 The Council should support and promote green companies and give them priority driven by a Green Business Pledge
	7.2 Businesses should establish a Blackpool Climate Emergency business forum to meet monthly and share ideas
	7.3 Elected representatives should consistently be more public and vocal in their support of the Net Zero agenda and take responsibility for a net-zero Blackpool
	7.4 Challenge national policy where this conflicts with Blackpool's net zero goals
	7.5 Council should encourage and empower businesses, organisations and the community to act
Biodiversity	8.1 Businesses should undertake carbon and environmental assessments and increase their contribution to improving the environment
	8.2 Businesses should make information on their environmental contributions available to the public
	8.3 The Council should designate all vacant land as "green land", requiring a case to be made in favour of its development as opposed to leaving it as green space
	8.4 Explore opportunities to cultivate green spaces and plant trees on unused spaces (including roofs)
	8.5 Involve as many people as possible across Blackpool in the planning and planting of trees
	8.6 Help people to "grow their own" veg, including sharing space for those without land, including expert advice
	8.7 Encourage wildflower gardens, windowboxes and tree planting by making grow bags, pots and whips available to communities
	8.8 Council to lead discussions on how to regenerate natural wildlife habitats, working with the community to designate areas for protection and develop a grant process
	8.9 Explore the feasibility of planting a "Blackpool Forest" to offset carbon emissions by 2023

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Food	9.1 Educate communities on eating seasonally and locally, including the use of allotments and community gardens (link to 8.6), and develop zero waste community shops
Cleaner and Greener	9.2 Educate people on recycling and sustainability, with recycling bins in local parks and on beaches, and introduce recycling reverse vending machines
Blue Spaces	9.3 Reduce beach litter through harsher fines, promote beach cleans and introduce other forms of positive reinforcement

Green Spaces	9.4 Use greenspaces as a way to offset carbon emissions, getting communities involved in tree planting and making green spaces greener
Education	9.5 Introduce compulsory education on climate change and environmental issues throughout primary and secondary school
Transport	9.6 Make it easier, safer and cheaper for young people to use Active Travel methods – for example, a bike swap scheme as young people grow up
Renewable energy	9.7 Create a fund allowing people to access money to make their houses more energy efficient
	9.8 Include solar panels on new build homes