

**Revised February 2015**

Department: Corporate Strategy and Delivery

Team or Service Area Leading Assessment: Strategy, Policy and Research

Title of Policy/ Service or Function: Climate Action Plan

Proposals to introduce/ alter/ delete policy, service, expenditure etc: New Role

Date of proposals: November 2021 onwards

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**STEP 1 - IDENTIFYING THE PURPOSE OR AIMS**

1. What type of policy, service or function is this?

Existing  New/ proposed  Changing/ updated

2. What is the aim and purpose of the policy, service or function?

To outline the Council's strategy on becoming a net-zero emitter of carbon by 2030 and supporting the town in achieving a similar target.

3. Please outline any proposals being considered.

Following input from a Citizen's Assembly and work commissioned from Atkins and the Carbon Trust, the proposal includes a Climate Action Plan outlining 123 separate actions for the mitigation and reduction of emissions across 10 areas. (1.Housing, 2.Buildings and built environment, 3.Transport, getting around and digital, 4.Power and heat, 5. Cleansing, waste, food and water, 6. Community leadership, communication and involvement, 7. Working with others, 8.Business, 9. Natural Environment, 10. Building knowledge, capacity and financial resources)

4. What outcomes do we want to achieve?

As per Q2

5. Who is the policy, service or function intended to help/ benefit?

All corporate stakeholders, including service users, residents, staff and visitors; plus private businesses and VCFS groups operating in the town, together with the natural environment of the town and wider environment.

6. Who are the main stakeholders/ customers/ communities of interest?

As above

7. Does the policy, service or function have any existing aims in relation to Equality/ Diversity or community cohesion?

Not directly, although the concept of “climate justice” recognises the disproportionate impact of climate change on disadvantaged groups.

Within Blackpool, the effects could be felt by people in the following protected characteristics categories: age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, and pregnancy and maternity. In addition to consideration of the questions in this Analysis in the production of the plan, and in consultation with the Equality and Diversity Manager, a specific action (121) has been included to ensure the Climate Action Plan achieves a Just Transition.

## STEP 2 - CONSIDERING EXISTING INFORMATION AND WHAT THIS TELLS YOU

8. Please summarise the main data/ research and performance management information in the box below.

### ***Data/ information***

There is a global consensus amongst the scientific community that global warming is happening, with carbon emissions as a significant causal factor – summarised at <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/climate-change-evidence-causes/basics-of-climate-change/>

Local level data is summarised in the [Lancashire Climate Change Strategy](#) with risk management around flooding from sea level rises summarised in the [Lancashire and Blackpool Flood Risk Management Strategy](#)

### ***Research or comparative information***

Available from <https://scattercities.com/> which shows modelled emissions across subsectors in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> - note that this will be superceded by the roadmap work mentioned above. In addition to this the Council has commissioned its own work.

### ***Key findings of consultation and feedback***

The actions proposed in the Climate Action Plan were initially informed by a Climate Assembly, which sought the views of a representative cross section of Blackpool residents. A further Young people’s summit also provided input and both these recommendations have directly fed into this proposal.

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9. What are the impacts or effects for Key Protected Characteristics?

Note that there are two types of effect – the effect of climate change and of our work. Some of our work will seek to mitigate the impact of climate change on these groups, hence the responses below mix the two:

<b>Age</b>
Impact on older people – additional heat leading to risk of premature death; consideration of supported/sheltered accommodation areas near sites at increased risk of flooding; lack of financial resilience to adapt properties; effect of poor air quality due to greater likelihood of underlying health issues; disproportionate impact of fuel poverty.  Impact on younger people – mental health issues caused by scale of climate issues; rapidly changing economy and job/career opportunities; significant impact over the life course arising from the effects of climate change already being felt.
<b>Disability</b>
Ability and resources to adapt to effects of climate change – heat, flooding; potential increased fuel poverty in this group; potential for poor air quality to affect underlying health issues
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>
No specific additional issues
<b>Marriage and Civil partnership</b>
No specific additional issues
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Additional heat with potential to cause distress during pregnancy; mental health issues caused by scale of climate issues; air quality issues affecting unborn children.
<b>Race</b>
Experience of family relations with first-hand impact of climate breakdown; as a whole, those from BAME communities are more likely to be affected by fuel poverty and live in overcrowded houses
<b>Religion and Belief</b>
Climate crisis and safeguarding the environment is part of the core beliefs of ethical vegetarians and vegans. Modern day leaders of various religions have addressed environmental issues as part of their leadership role, including a 2015 Papal encyclical and various teachings of the Dalai Lama.
<b>Sex</b>
See “pregnancy and maternity” and “Age” (both young people and old people) for issues relevant to women, who are often primary care givers

<b>Sexual Orientation</b>
No specific additional issues

10. What do you know about how the proposals could affect community cohesion?

Intergenerational dialogue on climate issues is important to avoid polarised views developing, with the bulk of the impact of the climate crisis to be felt by young people over a greater length of time.

11. What do you know about how the proposals could impact on levels of socio –economic inequality, in particular Poverty?

Lower-income households will be less well placed to adapt to issues caused by climate change, due to limitations on purchasing of new technologies and time constraints limiting engagements in climate action. Action 121 aims to ensure low income households are considered in climate action and allow for a just transition to net-zero.

### STEP 3 - ANALYSING THE IMPACT

12. Is there any evidence of higher or lower take-up by any group or community, and if so, how is this explained?

As above, and from the Climate Assembly there was evidence that lower income groups in more deprived areas are less likely to participate in climate action. As previously outlined Action 121 aims to ensure low-income households can able to participate in measures to reach net-zero.

13. Do any rules or requirements prevent any groups or communities from using or accessing the service?

N/A

14. Does the way a service is delivered/ or the policy create any additional barriers for any groups of disabled people?

No. Action 23 looks to identify measures to increase walking and cycling, which may be unachievable for some disabled people, however the same action seeks to improve public transport in the region allowing disabled people to participate in low-carbon travel.

15. Are any of these limitations or differences “substantial” and likely to amount to unlawful discrimination?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain (referring to relevant legislation) in the box below

16. If No, do they amount to a differential impact, which should be addressed?

Yes  No

If yes, please give details below.

Measures detailed above.

**STEP 4 - DEALING WITH ADVERSE OR UNLAWFUL IMPACT**

17. What can be done to improve the policy, service, function or any proposals in order to reduce or remove any adverse impact or effects identified?

Adverse impacts will be mitigated by working closely with the equality and diversity team to ensure each individual action does not impede a just transition.

18. What would be needed to be able to do this? Are the resources likely to be available?

Staff input from equality and diversity team and ongoing consideration by the Climate Emergency Team.

19. What other support or changes would be necessary to carry out these actions?

N/A

**STEP 5 - CONSULTING THOSE AFFECTED FOR THEIR VIEWS**

20. What feedback or responses have you received to the findings and possible courses of action?  
Please give details below.

Initial feedback for the Climate Action Plan came from the Climate Assembly plus the youth assembly. The Climate action plan has been reviewed by members of the council's Climate Emergency Steering Group and other key employees for action and sector specific feedback.

21. If you have not been able to carry out any consultation, please indicate below how you intend to test out your findings and recommended actions.

N/A

**STEP 6 - ACTION PLANNING**

Please outline your proposed action plan below.

Issues/ adverse impact identified	Proposed action/ objectives to deal with adverse impact	Targets/Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility	Indicate whether agreed
N/A					

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**STEP 7 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONITORING AND REVIEW**

Please outline your arrangements for future monitoring and review below.

Agreed action	Monitoring arrangements	Timeframe	Responsibility	Added to Service Plan etc.
Bring regular updates on progress with the action plan and emerging actions to the Corporate Equalities Group	Climate Emergency Team to consider equalities issues when updating the Action Plan	Ongoing	Strategy, Policy and Research Manager	Equality Group secretariat to add to meeting agendas.

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