

Recommendation	Comments	By	When
R1 The identification and preparation of climate change funding bids where appropriate should take place	See R4. Examples include developing projects for Shared Prosperity Fund; Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund. Further projects/schemes to be developed and funding identified as it becomes available	Strategy and Climate Manager	Initial bids completed; further bids ongoing
R2 Climate change funding should be included in the Medium Term Financial Sustainability Strategy review and there should be consideration of establishing a climate action fund	Included in MTFSS. Climate Action Fund has not been established with funding instead being sought from external sources.	As above	As above
R3 Financial models for potential climate change investments and a carbon costing process should be researched and considered	Some work completed around access to grant funding opportunities. Schemes to be funded privately through prudential borrowing will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Exploring opportunities from companies looking to invest in schemes acting as carbon offsets, and Anthesis' proposed "insetting" scheme. Awaiting UK Infrastructure Bank (UKIB) Plan in June 2022 to assess further opportunities from private finance.	Strategy and Climate Manager; Head of Accountancy	Awaiting UKIB plan, date TBC
R4 Initial climate change 'shovel ready' projects should be identified and considered for the viability of potential investment	Initial projects identified in line with requirements of available external funding. Other work is ongoing.	As R1	As R1
R5 A diagram setting out climate change responsibilities should be produced to assist with communications	Reported to portfolio holder and available for wider use	Climate Graduate	Completed
R6 Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Partnership Group should be finalised and agreed	Reported to Climate Action Partnership	Strategy and Climate Manager	Completed
R7 The results of the review of the CESG should be considered and any changes necessary to make group working more effective should be implemented	Completed and implemented	Strategy and Climate Manager/Climate Graduate	Completed
R8 In line with the Climate Action Plan, a full climate change communications and marketing plan should be developed and an internal communications campaign delivered	Turnover in staff in the Communications team has limited progress to standard processes i.e. newsletters, social media items, promotion of surveys, press releases. Work started in May 2022 to progress a full plan.	Strategy and Climate Manager/ Communications Team	October 2022

R9 Staff 'climate champions' should be appointed and champions' role descriptions developed and agreed	Staff Sustainability Alliance formed and held first meeting in May 2022. Other opportunities being explored.	Climate Graduate	TBC following postholder appointment
R10 An initial climate change training plan for 2022 – 23 should be considered, with links to an internal communications campaign and training made available to Council wholly owned companies staff where considered appropriate	Council Leadership Team has agreed to roll out Carbon Literacy Training, including to Wholly-Owned Companies. Pilot work has been completed and dates set for initial training with the Growth and Prosperity Team.	Low Carbon and Sustainability Officer	July 2022
R11 Build on established joint working by considering establishing the climate expert panel with Lancashire partners, if they are in agreement to this	Discussions are ongoing with Lancashire CC and Blackburn with Darwen BC. No confirmation of firm interest yet, awaiting further discussions with portfolio holders	Strategy and Climate Manager	September 2022
R12 An external evaluation of progress against the Climate Action Plan should be commissioned, from the Climate Expert Panel to be established or another expert external body, at, for example, 18 months from the start of the Climate Action Plan	Action not yet due	Strategy and Climate Manager	June 2023
R13 Climate Action Plan performance indicators should be finalised and performance targets, including interim targets where appropriate, should be established and agreed	Indicators have been finalised, targets to be agreed by Climate Steering Group	Performance Development Officer/ Climate Emergency Steering Group	September 2022
R14 The work with the Carbon Trust should be finalised and a forward route map identified with their assistance	Review of 19/20 data completed. Elements of forward route map included in the Climate Action Plan with further work to follow.	Energy and Utilities Manager	July 2022
R15 Consideration should be given to recording carbon emissions centrally particularly around fleet and waste to enable the Council to have an overall view. A way forward and a nominated officer should also be agreed in relation to the 2019/2020 emissions and consumption data	Review of systems to record and monitor emissions is underway.	Performance Development Officer	December 2022