

Place Projects		Q1, April - June 2022	Q2, July - September 2022	Q3, October - Dec 2022
PPL1 - Status	Green	Amber	Green	
Work with others to deliver our action plan to reduce the effect of climate change on our borough including the carbon footprint of all council activities and assets	Sammy Gray The council is working with partners in the Wyre Waters Catchment Partnership and the Forest of Bowland AONB to mitigate for the impact of climate change on biodiversity and landscape by supporting the work of the river restoration to create space for water and wildlife and to work with landowners to manage habitats for improved carbon sequestration and wildlife in estuaries, upland pasture, peatlands and meadows. Ongoing work to deliver £1.2m Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grant at Fleetwood Market, involving the removal of the fossil fuel gas heating and replacing this with renewable technology, alongside retrofitting to ensure the building is energy efficient. A full staff commuting survey was undertaken, with a good response of 215 staff members. This allows for a better understanding of carbon footprint from commuting, which was previously unknown, as well as the carbon savings from the introduction of hybrid working (approximately 27% of what commuting emissions would have been).	A trial of a new decision making tool was introduced to staff at Report Author trainings. This consists of a decision wheel, to help staff to assess the impacts of a project/decision on climate change and consider positive changes to mitigate these. The decarbonisation scheme at Fleetwood Market has fallen behind schedule due to design delays and the complexity of the scheme.	A Climate Change Strategy was drafted and sent to Heads of Service for review in December. A second draft incorporating this feedback is due in late February/early March. Good progress has been made on the Fleetwood Market decarbonisation project. Designs have been completed and orders have been taken for the solar panels and heat pumps. A further 8 members of senior leaders and managers have been certified as Carbon Literate following training. This brings the total certified to 25. The climate change decision wheel tool has continued to be trialled on a handful of reports, as part of the requirement for this to be submitted with all key decisions. No major issues have been highlighted so far, and a review of the process is due in the new year. Installation of EV charging points has continued. 3 chargers are now live, 6 sites are installed and awaiting a mains supply, 2 further sites are awaiting installation - due by March 2023. In partnership with Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL), 58 energy saving measures have been installed in 27 Wyre homes up until the end of September and further figures are to be provided for Q3. Under the Social Housing Decarbonisation Scheme (SHDS), 76 properties have had external wall insulation installed, and 82 properties fitted with damp proof courses. Following promotion of the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme, 29 properties in our off-gas areas are currently under technical survey for inclusion in the scheme, which will include renewable energy measures such as heat pumps. The ECO-CoBS project has been renamed to 'Our Future Coast', and has made progress in establishing a team and board, running workshops during this quarter, along with site visits and scoping of options for wider engagement. The project, which tests nature-based solutions and community engagement to tackle the threat of flooding and coastal change, will launch at the end of March 2023. Following the successful Great Big Green Week event in Garstang in October, plans are underway for an event in summer 2023. Other activities in the community included working with Baines Endowed Primary School, during their 'protecting our planet' week, with staff delivering sessions on climate change, waste reduction and conservation. This outreach programme is due to be developed to reach more schools and community groups. Initial discussions were held with the East Lancs Chamber of Commerce to explore schemes for providing low carbon business support, which has already benefitted several businesses in Wyre and Lancashire as a whole. Key dates for promotion of climate change positive action have been included in the 2023 Wyre Great Outdoors Programme - Great Big Green Week, National Tree Week and World Soil Day.	
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Promote activity to support our residents to reduce waste, increase reuse and recycling, and implement environmental initiatives to help achieve a sustainable environment	Kathy Winstanley In addition to the wheeled bin recycling scheme, the service also offers household collections of other materials including electronics, batteries and textiles. Bulky Waste (larger household items) is collected in partnership with a Social Enterprise at a cost to the customer; this arrangement has proved extremely popular and we are increasing resources to allow for additional collection slots. There are limited opportunities to introduce new recycling initiatives due to the waste 'power of direction' from LCC however the move towards 240L recycling bins has encouraged participation with an increased amount of recycling collected. The recycling rate has remained static due to the reduction in paper tonnages as people move towards electronic media (national trend). Contamination rates are high in some areas (wrong items in bins) which adversely impacts the recycling rate and a targeted in-house education campaign is ongoing to engage with residents and raise awareness of the recycling service - this is a resource intensive process and will take time to show improvement. Recycling rates can be boosted by targeted communication campaigns aimed at identifying items not commonly recycled i.e. recycling is often associated with kitchen activities yet many items generated in the bathroom (toothpaste cartons, toilet roll tubes, shampoo/shower gel bottles) are also recyclable but commonly missed. Specific comms messages to target the less recycled materials - this would require a dedicated resource.	The wheeled bin recycling scheme and other household collections (of batteries, textiles, electronics and bulky items) are promoted at every opportunity to encourage participation and boost the recycling rates across the borough. The Green Waste subscription service has been well received once again this year, with high garden waste tonnages over the summer months. The annual household collection calendar is being finalised for a Christmas delivery, and will promote the full range of kerbside service options as well as hints and tips for reducing excess food waste. Areas of the borough with low participation in the recycling scheme, and/or high contamination levels are being identified by the Enforcement Officers, with additional support and information offered to improve their understanding of the scheme and boost recycling.	The Environmental Enforcement Officers continue with work to target poor performing areas where recycling participation is low and rates of contamination/additional waste presented high. Recycling messages have been reiterated in the annual collection leaflet to all properties, along with information on food waste reduction, bulky waste, battery and textile recycling. Recycling messages were also promoted during Big Green Week with a recycling game used to demonstrate which items go in which bins. Rescheduled collections over the Christmas period were kept to a minimum, with a low level of missed collections and good presentation of the right bins on the right days, ensuring recycling opportunities were maximised. The collection of 'real' Christmas trees will be promoted once again following the Christmas period, with trees being collected by the green waste crews and contributing to Wyre's overall recycling rate (which includes dry material and green waste).	
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Complete the partial review of the Wyre Local Plan 2011-2031 and commence a full review	Fiona Riley Partial Review Following consideration by Full Council, the submission draft Wyre Local Plan Partial Review was submitted to Government for Examination on 25 April. The Planning Inspectorate has appointed an Inspector and the Examination in Public is set for 27 and 28 September. Officers are continuing to engage with the Inspector and preparing necessary evidence and written statements for the Examination. Full Review Work continues on reviewing the scoping consultation responses to the Full Review and scoping evidence requirements. Discussions are ongoing with neighbouring local authorities regarding the potential to commission joint evidence to support their respective local plans. To support the evidence gathering stage, at its meeting on 27 June, the Planning Policy Working Group agreed to move to monthly meetings to allow for consideration of emerging evidence by the group.	Partial Review The Examination in Public was held 27 and 28 September. During the hearings, the Inspector indicated that some limited main modifications are necessary to the draft Plan and Officers are currently engaging with the Inspector. The main modifications will undergo a six week public consultation during October-November. The final Inspectors report is expected to be issued in late 2022. The Partial Review will be considered for adoption by 26 January 2023 Full Council meeting. Full Review Discussions continue with neighbouring local authorities regarding the potential to commission joint evidence to support their respective local plans. Draft briefs are currently being prepared and agreed ahead of procurement. Monthly meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group continue to consider emerging evidence.	Partial Review The Examination in Public was held 27 and 28 September. During the hearings, the Inspector indicated that some limited main modifications are necessary to the draft Plan and Officers are currently engaging with the Inspector. The main modifications will undergo a six week public consultation during October-November. The final Inspectors report is expected to be issued in late 2022. The Partial Review will be considered for adoption by 26 January 2023 Full Council meeting. Full Review Discussions continue with neighbouring local authorities regarding the potential to commission joint evidence to support their respective local plans. Draft briefs are currently being prepared and agreed ahead of procurement. Monthly meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group continue to consider emerging evidence.	
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Deliver the Wyre Beach Management Scheme to protect homes from coastal flooding	Carl Green The Project Manager has instructed the commencement of the site compound and ancillary enablement works to commence on 5th September. This will allow the construction works to commence at the start of March 2023. The scheme has been delayed by 12 months due to MMO licence application for the temporary storage of rock on the beach for the initial scheme. Costs for the compound works have risen by approximately 33% due to material inflation and fuel costs. Meetings with the MMO have been arranged to determine how their requirements can be satisfied.	Phase 1 Target cost submission issued on 16th September by BBCEL for approval at October board meeting. An updated overall scheme cost has been prepared which is lower than the feasibility cost for the scheme (Phase 1 & Phase 2) but above the EA approval sum. EA are aware of the increase and have proposed a mechanism to account for the increased inflationary pressures on construction projects currently running at 23% (an allowance of 2.5% was made in the business case). MMO meetings held regularly. Last meeting 22/08/2022, next meeting to be set up for October. MMO, Phase 1 MMO now withdrawn (23rd August 22) and Phase 2 amended to include Phase 1 rock stockpiling. Further requests by MMO have delayed licence by between 10-28 days. Licence target date is mid Jan 23, public consultation period due to commence Oct 22. Planning Permission for Phase 1 received on 7th June all conditions complete. Phase 2 due for consideration at November committee. KPI and community plan being developed with BBCEL, Social Value Advisor Compound and pre-commencement works including slipway widening commenced on site 5th September. Modular office due on 21st November with 4 week period to complete. Liaison meetings have been undertaken with the Venue owners and management and boating club chairman and secretary. Public Liaison will be set up within the Venue by Jane Littlewood and commence from Thursday 13th Oct onwards. A scheme presentation will take place at the Cleveleys community centre on 19th October 22 as part of the Rossall Residents meeting. Amber as project almost one year behind original schedule and inflationary prices have pushed the costs up. Trying to obtain confirmation from EA that these justified cost increases will be met through the grant funding.	Phase 1 Target cost submission was submitted and approved at the October board meeting. This provided approval to sign the Phase 1 contract which was concluded on 15 Dec. Documents have been submitted to the Environment Agency (EA) Large Project Review Group (LPRG) for approval of the additional inflationary scheme costs. Confirmation received that the additional cost will be considered by the subcommittee, which should simplify the process. A meeting has been arranged for Jan 23. MMO meetings held regularly. Last meeting 13/12/2022, to ensure all elements of the revised Habitats Regulation Assessment HRA and Environmental Impact Assessment EIA cover all aspects of the Statutory Consultee requirements and timetable for consideration. There is a risk that the MMO license will not be in place for commencement of the Phase 1 works but the team have developed contingency plans if temporary rock storage on the beach or marking of the wind farm power cable is not possible. A meeting to develop the KPI and community plan with the wider Wyre officers is scheduled for 13 Jan, at this meeting the ability of the scheme to bring broader community benefits including job creation, business development, environmental benefits, carbon saving, community coherence and health benefits will be discussed. The site compound and rock storage area on Jubilee Gardens is progressing well with the carbon efficient modular office delivered to site and installed before the Christmas break. The widening of the access ramp is now complete. Preparations for the concrete slab road crossing have been instigated with a road closure scheduled for Jan 23 allowing local businesses to be undisturbed over the Christmas and New Year period. Liaison meetings with the businesses and public continue. No complaints have been received during the period, despite some of the noisiest activities taking place. Amber as project almost one year behind original schedule due to environmental requirements to support planning and Marine licences. Inflationary prices have increased construction costs, however, EA have confirmed that money is available to support these cost increases through grant funding. Submission was submitted and approved at the October board meeting. This provided approval to sign the Phase 1 contract which was concluded on 15 Dec.	
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Facilitate and support the improvement, biodiversity, accessibility and use of our parks and open spaces	Christina Marginson The 9 day Garstang Walking Festival took place in early May celebrating the coast, parks and countryside of Wyre in springtime. Walks took place in a wide variety of locations from across Wyre. The Friends of Garstang Walking Festival, Wyre volunteer walk leaders, rangers and partners lead family activities, easy accessible walks, moderate walks all the way up to challenging long distance and upland walks. The feedback from the customers was excellent with over 400 attendances on the walks. Customers travelled in from the Garstang, Wyre and Lancashire areas as well as further afield from Greater Manchester, Bradford, Croydon and Edinburgh. The Wyre volunteer rangers have completed the construction of a section of boardwalk on the sand dunes at Fleetwood near to Rossall Point Tower. This is part of the Lancashire Living Seas Trail which is being developed from the Boating lake to Larkholme Grasslands. Also installed are wooden carved monoliths which depict marine wildlife to be found in Morecambe Bay and the Irish Sea around Fleetwood. A Dune Monitoring conservation took place led by the Dynamic Dunescapes engagement officer at Fleetwood beach. She successfully trained up local volunteers, rangers and partners to use digital technology, practice observation skills and identify the key features of sand dune habitats to undertake citizen science which will help monitor the changing morphology and wildlife of the dunes. The Wyre volunteers and rangers are continuing with these surveys. New wildlife interpretation has been installed on the coast to help advise visitors to the coast of the ground nesting birds using the beach and sand dunes The Wyre Great Outdoors programme of activities within our parks and open spaces have included the 2 weekly Wellbeing walks from Garstang and Fleetwood, 2 weekly gardening clubs at The Mount and Memorial Park, Big Beach cleans, Sow and Grow your own sweetcorn	The Wyre Great Outdoors programme plays a key role in continuing to deliver this target. The programme offers a wide range of activities in particular promoting access for all with Wyre Wheels at Memorial Park, Trampers at the Wyre Estuary Country Park, and Beach Wheelchairs at Fleetwood beach. The brochure shares information on biodiversity, how to get involved with its care and a wide programme of activities for people to take part in from conservation days to beach cleans and wildlife walks and activities. This programme of activities in our parks, on our coastline and countryside is supported by a wide range of volunteer groups and key partner organisations. Meadow management training was undertaken on Larkholme Grasslands, Branksome Avenue and the Wyre Estuary Country Park, training staff and volunteers to improve their skills to undertake the more delicate work on the biodiverse grasslands, seeds from these grasslands have been collected to sow and grow on wires parks and open spaces.	The councils parks and grounds and countryside teams including volunteers and members of public planted over 2000 trees at a variety of open spaces in Wyre during National Tree Week. A public planting day was held at Hawthorne Park with Millfield High School students and the trustees of Hawthorne Park with the help of additional funding. We have worked with a local farmer and the Forest of Bowland AONB to secure funding for a wildlife trail in Bleasdale with FIPL funding and our volunteers and staff are helping to install the new gates and path infrastructure. Rossall Point Tower has been opened on a more regular basis with the support of volunteer guides and a new interpretation panel installed which encourages visitors to enjoy the coast safely and promotes biodiversity. Regular maintenance of the riverside paths at Stanah, Holme Wood and Brock Picnic area has been undertaken by staff and volunteers to enable public access to nature.	
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Support the Turning Tides Partnership in the ambition to achieve a blue	Carl Green Arrangements through Blackpool Council are being made to safeguard the Love my Beach and Turning Tides coordinators through funding from North West Coastal Councils. Wyre continues to play an active role in key initiatives including plastic reclamation from the beaches and working with United Utilities to reduce pollution.	All 7 Wyre Beach Care groups have been very active removing litter from the beach environments on community beach cleans supported by Wyre.	Meeting of Turning Tides held Dec 22. This meeting concentrated on the bathing water results for 21/22 issued in November. The new bathing water classifications for 2022, are based on monitoring data collected by the Environment Agency between 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022. These showed a quality reduction across the NW. However, Wyre's two bathing beaches at Cleveleys and Fleetwood retained their good quality status for the seventh year in a row. This is due to the excellent work undertaken with our partners across Turning Tides as well as the great work of the volunteer beach care groups and the work happening with our Wyre Catchment Partnership.	
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Lead on and support natural flood management projects	Carl Green	The Wyre NFM project was officially launched on 31st May 2022. The opening ceremony was attended by Emma Howard Boyd Chair of the Environment Agency at which she said "This project and the Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund is leading the way in showing how private investment in nature can be achieved, including by providing long-term returns through costs avoided from a reduction in flood risk, such as here where communities will benefit downstream in Churchtown, which were impacted during Storm Desmond."	Wyre & WRT Volunteers have undertaken leaky dam work to support natural flood management on the Upper River catchment.	Progress of the project is on target. Interventions are beginning to be delivered and further holdings have signed up to host interventions. Working with a large landowner at the top of the catchment contract clauses have been finalised allowing issuance of a contract for works on in-hand land at Far Barn and issuance of the first landowner/land manager/CIC contract. The selection of the sites for small leaky barriers have been refined to delivery in the priority areas for the project. Further works and farm visits are planned prior to the tree planting season to allow further development of opportunities for year two. Permits for floodplain reconnection and peat restoration will be designed and sought this winter, allowing them to be delivered in the summer of 2023. An important output for the project is volunteer effort approximately 160 hours to date which provides both gifted time but also aids , community acceptance and understanding of the NFM measures.
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