

Environment and Climate Projects		Q1, April - June 2023	Q2, July - September 2023	Q3, October - Dec 2023	Q4, January - March 2024
Ref and Title	Project Manager				
PENV1 - Status		Green			
Deliver our Climate Change Strategy including carbon budget	Sammy Gray	Development of the Climate Change Strategy is in progress and on target for completion by the end of Q2. Consultants have been contacted to provide a costed action plan.			
PENV2 - Status		Green			
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	We have been awarded £177,728 grant funding from the Low Carbon Skills Fund, for specialist consultants to survey and produce Heat Decarbonisation Plans and detailed designs for 8 sites heated by gas, including the leisure centres. This will determine what measures can be put in place to improve energy efficiency and switch to sustainable heating systems. We are the only council in Lancashire to receive this funding. The East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce was appointed as part of the UKSPF project to offer free energy advice and decarbonisation plans for Wyre businesses. As part of the Great Big Green Week in July, the Big Green Get Together was held at Wyre Estuary Country Park. This successfully attracted many families, who engaged in many environmental activities and had important climate conversations. The team also attended a community event at Calder Vale, to answer questions and determine levels of interest as part of our ongoing support for the pilot project looking into community energy opportunities within the village. Our school work continued with the Young Wyre in Bloom competition taking place at the end of June, showcasing the environmental and sustainable activities pupils have been involved in across Wyre. Our countryside team and Wyre Rivers Trust have been working on site at the Wyre Estuary Country Park with school groups to educate them on the importance of the estuary for the climate and our biodiversity. Alongside the Wyre Rivers Trust, we have been working with volunteers to install leaky dams in our upland catchment to reduce flooding risk, using the arisings from ongoing woodland management work. The countryside and parks team have also been working together to managing our grasslands to create areas of meadow to improve sites by both drawing down carbon and enhancing biodiversity.			
PENV3 - Status		Green			
Collaborate with partners to reduce community energy consumption through retrofitting houses and the delivery of Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL)	Mark Broadhurst	HUG2 is getting underway. In Q1 Lancashire was the only Authority nationally to submit a batch of grant applications for the new HUG2 grants. These applications will hopefully start feeding through as installations in subsequent quarters. Q1 saw the installation of 7 energy efficient boilers, 1 full house central heating system and 2 loft insulation measures. New marketing and PR initiatives are underway and park home sites in Wyre have been targeted with mail drops for HUG2 in Q1. Initial feedback from CHIL is that leads are starting to come through from this work.			
PENV4 - Status		Green			
Deliver the Wyre Beach Management Scheme to protect 11,000 homes from coastal flooding by October 2023	Carl Green	Phase 1 enabling works are complete with permanent electric supply to the site offices. The site compound turning circle loop surfacing repairs and replacement completed. Phase 1 rock revetment works completed by end June, 4 weeks ahead of programme. The crest wall element of the Phase 1 works has been awarded to Amco, a visit to the precast works is being arranged for late July/early August. Moulds are currently being prepared for casting the wall and delivery to site 18th September 23. Public liaison and engagement continues with regular updates. There have been very few complaints and all dealt with promptly by the contractor. A change of working practice was required following voids being found on sand covering revetment rocks. The Social Value Action Plan is being utilised to target employment and skills, education, environment and sustainability, community engagement and supply chain engagement. Phase 2. Target cost approved by Board and contract signed on 16 June 23. The FCERM4 application for additional funding due to inflationary increases was approved by the Environment Agency on 13 June 23. Planning approval was granted 5th April. Discharge of conditions require submission to consultees. The relevant documents have been submitted with consultee returns due 16 July 23. The MMO Marine licence was granted on 13 June 23. A number of conditions require to be discharged and have subsequently been submitted to the MMO portal. Early supply of rock for Phase 2 has been instructed with supplies to commence early July. This will allow an early start to Phase 2 once planning consultation and discharge of conditions has been completed.			
PENV5 - Status		Green			
Lead on Our Future Coast project and support the Wyre Natural Flood Management project to help prepare communities for coastal change resulting from climate change	Carl Green	The project board for the Our Future Coast has now been established with representatives from partner agencies such as Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Environment Agency, Lancaster University and Marine Management Organisation as well as Wyre Council. The project together with the Wyre Natural Flood Management project being led by Wyre Rivers Trust are receiving national coverage including representation at the National Flood and Coast Conference which identified the projects as the way forward for building community resilience through innovation in working methods and financing. Site visits to look at the delivery of projects are planned for August 2023.			
PENV6 - Status		Amber			
Complete a full review of the Wyre Local Plan by 2024	Fiona Riley	Discussions continue with neighbouring local authorities regarding the potential to commission joint evidence to support their respective local plans. A Joint Economic and Employment Study has been commissioned and a joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is currently being procured. Regular meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group continue to consider emerging evidence. Work is underway on preparing a revised local plan timetable which will also consider implications from the government's emerging planning reform, that we still await further clarification on.			