

Environment and Climate Projects			
Ref and Title	Project Manager	Q1, April - June 2023	Q2, July - September 2023
PENV1 - Status Deliver our Climate Change Strategy including carbon budget	Sammy Gray	Green 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.	Green The first draft of the Climate Change Strategy was completed and presented to members of the Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee. Comments are being collected from councillors and key officers for consideration. Changes will be incorporated into the final draft during Q3, prior to public consultation on the document in Q4. It is anticipated that the final strategy will be presented to Full Council in April 2024.
PENV2 - Status 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	Green 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 arising's 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.	Green Calculation of our carbon footprint for 2022/23 was completed during this quarter, which showed a 17% drop in like-for-like emissions since the 2018/19 baseline. This figure is just 1% below the target reduction for this year, which shows the council is primarily on track for achieving its net zero targets. Other measures such as waste, material use and staff commuting have also been calculated this year, however these are not included in the final carbon footprint measurement as it was not possible to measure these during the baseline year in 2018/19 and the figures would no longer be comparable. However, as tools continue to improve and more data becomes available, any additional emissions sources will continue to be measured and addressed to bring down total emissions alongside our targets. The Salix LCSF grant work has progressed well, with specialists consultants appointed and most surveys undertaken on the buildings included in the project. It is anticipated that Heat Decarbonisation Plan reports detailing current building fabric, mechanical and electrical systems, and recommended improvements will be completed w/c 9th October. These will be reviewed internally before commissioning detailed designs for these suggested improvements, in preparation for future funding rounds. Progress on the decarbonisation of Fleetwood Market, using Salix PSDS funding has also continued. The air source heat pumps used to replace the gas boilers are on site, although slight delays from nesting birds mean these will be installed in Q3. Three more Carbon Literacy training sessions were completed during August and September for a total of 35 staff. Once these staff are certified, and Carbon Literacy is integrated into performance management objectives for the council, we will be able to apply for the level of Silver Carbon Literate Organisation. Engagement activities have included a green event at The Mount, as well as staff initiatives in-person and on the hub during Net Zero Week. Key staff members were also invited to participate in the Fylde Coast Net Zero Workshop, to explore potential carbon saving initiatives that can be implemented across the three councils. From this, the partnership are exploring the possibility to provide dedicated energy efficiency advice, the feasibility of council-owned solar power car ports and the conversion of council fleets to HVO. This follows Wyre's agreement to proceed with this transition to HVO, which is anticipated to save approximately 32% of the council's carbon footprint. Staff have also continued to use the internal Climate Change Decision Wheel to support climate-friendly decision making. The recently updated report format ensures all reports now include a comment on the impact of the decision on climate change.
PENV3 - Status Collaborate with partners to reduce community energy consumption through retrofitting houses and the delivery of Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL)	Mark Broadhurst	Green 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.	Green HUG2 jobs are now starting to feed through with 7 measures completed and a further 42 jobs being recorded on the system. Publicity of the scheme continues at events, with radio advertising and mail drops across targeted areas.
PENV4 - Status Deliver the Wyre Beach Management Scheme to protect 11,000 homes from coastal flooding by October 2023	Carl Green	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.	Green Phase 1 rock revetment works completed. The crest wall element of the Phase 1 works awarded to Amco, with delivery to site 18th September 23. Public liaison and engagement continues with very few complaints. Following the change of working practice no new voids have been found in the sand covering revetment rocks. High tides in late Sep early Oct will consolidate the sand fully. The Social Value Action Plan is being utilised to target employment and skills, education, environment and sustainability, community engagement and supply chain engagement. BBCEL have agreed to sponsor the Wyre business awards. Phase 2. Planning approval conditions have been discharged allowing commencement of the works. Consultee returns complete 16 July 23. The MMO Marine licence was granted on 13 June 23. The conditions have now been discharged. Early supply of rock for Phase 2 commence 7 July, with the main scheme rock order mobilisation order commencing 4 Aug. The concrete sub contractor mobilised on 8 Aug – for construction of the cross over ramps. The navigation marker sub contract has now been awarded with mobilisation late Oct. Design work to tie into proposed Anchorsholme remedial works has commenced.
PENV5 - Status 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	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.	Amber Our Future Coast are seeking a new project manager for the scheme - advert currently out. The spend profile for the scheme is behind planned / reported due to increased time required to prepare and sign legal agreements and changes in landowner which has resulted in a refocusing of one of the schemes. Excellent progress being made with community engagement through NGO led community officers. Partner Meetings: 27 partner site visits undertaken including 4 community events where co scoping of the issues and project objectives were shaped. Meetings undertaken with Liverpool & Lancaster University – research links established between EA R&D lead. Marian radar employed at 6 sites – key data captured on currents – sediment movement. Agreements signed by four partner organisations and with legal department in remaining 8. Engagement Officers in place hosted by Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Morecambe Bay Partnership. West Shore, Fleetwood, Humphrey Head, Lytham, Fluke Hall, Stannah plans in place. Development of sediment modelling study. Links established with Nature North - Jacobs Strategic Support Framework – Shoreline Management Plan Refresh - CoOpt to link objectives of OFC. Site visit to Wyre NFM scheme at Abbeystead undertaken by CEx Rebecca Huddleston, Cllr Roger Berry and Carl Green to see the progress made on the scheme. Particularly pleasing was the recognition of the Council's investment in the scheme and the forward thinking of the landowners and farmers who are managing the land for nature and for future generations but still provide a sustainable farm income.
PENV6 - Status Complete a full review of the Wyre Local Plan by 2024	Fiona Riley	Amber 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.	Amber Discussions continue with neighbouring local authorities regarding the potential to commission joint evidence to support their respective local plans. A joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been recently commissioned and discussions are underway regarding retail evidence. Regular meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group continue to consider emerging evidence, including considering a revised Local Development Scheme to provide a new timetable for preparing the local plan. This anticipates a two year delay with adoption now proposed for late Summer 2026.

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			Target	Actual	Cumulative	Target	Actual	Cumulative	
MENV1	Delivery of our Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan	Mark Billington, Sammy Gray							Targets not applicable at this stage until the strategy and updated action plan is complete. Good progress has been made on the draft document and feedback is currently being reviewed.
MENV2	Reduction in council carbon emissions	Mark Billington, Sammy Gray				-18.4%	-17.3%	-17.3%	Data is collected and reported in Q2 annually. To meet the council's target of a 78% reduction in our baseline 2018/19 emissions by 2035, we need to reduce our emissions by approximately 4.6% on a cumulative basis. Four years on from this baseline, the target reduction for 2022/23 is 18.4% (4 x 4.6%). The like-for-like carbon footprint was just 1% away from this target, showing the council is primarily on track to meet the overall target.
MENV3	Number of domestic energy measures installed under the Cosy Homes in Lancashire, via Government grant schemes	Mark Broadhurst	5	10	10	10	13	23	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 start feeding through as installations in subsequent quarters. Q2 update:- HUG2 cases are now feeding through with 7 HUG2 completions (of 48 Lancashire completions) and 42 other Wyre jobs in the system.
MENV4	11,000 more homes protected from coastal flooding by October 2026	Carl Green	0	1,193	1,193	0	0	1,193	Completion of Phase 1 better protecting 1193 properties completed early in June. No proposed sectional completion of phase 2 until July 2024.