

## **Climate Change Strategy Feedback Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee**

1. "I wonder if the order/list within each objective could be **prioritised**. Ultimately if the funding is low - it is - then if the table was in a priority order, it could help focus minds on where to go to first. I know most of the quick wins have now been done, so the difficult and expensive is what follows."
  - We are in conversation with consultants and Bloom Framework to assist us with the prioritisation of the actions by weighing up financial costs, carbon savings and time to realise these savings. This is currently to be confirmed. If this cannot be obtained prior to public consultation or before the strategy goes to full council, this will be an initial action.
  
2. "Could we look at a **payback column**? Whilst not applicable to all, some will overtime pay for themselves and in the long run earn the council money. I think ideas such as this should be highlighted where possible."
  - This will be considered within the consultant's work.
  
3. "I am keen as seems to be the current priority to **bring people with us**, and when there is considerable anger towards the Council within Thornton in particular due to the Windmill and Bourne Hill, and us stating we can't afford very much, we can't be seen to go on a green frenzy without clear justification as well as a clear focus."
  - We are in the process of creating a communications campaign to raise awareness of why climate change is important to Wyre. The consultation will be an opportunity to raise awareness of the risks the borough faces, why climate action is important and what we're proposing to do about it.
  
4. "With my **young people** role hat on, I have a meeting in October with Shelley, and would like to with Sir Robert's permission, potentially discuss some of the report with the Youth Council or a representative and get their thoughts."
  - We have been in discussion with Shelley, the Health Partnerships & Early Action Officer who assists with the Youth Council and is keen to assist with any consultation for young people. We are currently considering options for involving young people in a similar event as the successful Democracy Weeks in October.
  
5. "A joined-up **transport system** across the Fylde Coast should be the goal with the 3 Councils co-operating in order to tackle urban and rural transport issues."
  - We are not a transport authority so have limited influence over this area. Transport is provided by multiple service operators that spread across multiple local authority boundaries; Blackpool Transport, Stagecoach, Transpora North West/Coastliner buses, Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire, Pilkington Bus, Preston Bus

and Transdev Group. In action 2.D1 we have stated we will “Work in partnership to reduce travel and transport related emissions”, through supporting Lancashire County Council to deliver transport decarbonisation measures. In the next action we aim to “Encourage active travel and reduced car use”. We are creating a new action to support LCC in terms of public transport, this will be built upon after engagement with LCC.

6. “There is a need for a **Fylde Coast Highway & Transport Masterplan** that considers re-regulation of bus services as well as ownership and running of those services.”
  - The council again has limited influence. An emerging National Bus Strategy is in progress, it may be sensible to wait for its delivery to understand the changes which may occur.
  
7. “The return of the **rail line**, ultimately into the centre of Fleetwood, is essential not just for the economic regeneration of Fleetwood and Thornton Cleveleys, but also to ensure Wyre residents and visitors are able to use public transport to its fullest effect.”
  - The council has limited influence of this decision but is a part of the project; it is ultimately a decision from central government as they provide the funding to progress to the next stage. In action 2.D1, we have stated “Support the government and key stakeholders in progress to reopen the Poulton to Fleetwood railway line”.
  
8. “Although there is a task to ‘Work with tenants to improve EPC ratings of leased assets’ (1.A3) and an associated measure for “All sites to achieve C rating by April 2027, in line with government guidelines” there doesn’t seem to be an equivalent task with regard to **housing (rented and owned)**. The closest to such a task is ‘Provide advice to residents on home retrofitting and energy efficiency’ (1.D1) and ‘Local energy efficiency support advice’ (1.D2).”
  - First this action has been updated to reflect government policy, the wording now follows: “All sites to achieve at least EPC E rating in line with government targets, but aim to implement efficiency measures to an EPC C rating where feasible and economically viable”.
  - After discussions with the appropriate officer, they have stated that action 1.C1 ensures all private rented sector properties are EPC D or above through the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards regulations. The Housing Health and Safety Rating System is being reviewed and the government is also looking at introducing a new Decent Homes standard, both of which will help in the private rented sector. In relation to privately owned homes there are no local authority powers.
  
9. “With the Climate Change Strategy suggesting that 21% of Wyres CO2 emissions are down to housing, we can’t just have a tick in the box exercise, we must make all of Wyre’s housing energy efficient. Consequently, not only should Wyre be monitoring EPC

ratings (68% currently below standard in Wyre, i.e. D or lower) but there should be **EPC targets** in place and actions set up to meet those targets.”

- It is correct that domestic properties account for 21% of CO2e emissions. Action 1.D1 and 1.E1, demonstrates the ways in which we intend to tackle this area. Wyre Council are already very active in supporting Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL).

10. “We need to **prioritise** our objectives and be specific in both timing and action. I would like the next meeting to focus on that.”

- The strategy actions have a column stating “When we will do it”, which has helped in prioritising the actions. However, further prioritisation will come as a result of consultation as mentioned above.
- Members are invited to request more information on specific areas on strategy however it would be more appropriate if members wish to review more general council policies that have a stance on climate change when discussing their work programme.

11. “We need to have a **detailed financial plan**, both as to our resources and what we will need from HMG & LCC.”

- We are unable to produce a detailed financial plan at this time as this work is ongoing.

12. “We need to plan the **publicity** for the eventual announcement of the Plan's publication.”

- This work is underway and communications plan is being developed to run alongside the consultation and launch of the strategy.

13. “We need a task list of potential **consultees**, how we go about that and what objectives we set them - if any.”

- A list of key stakeholders has been developed for consultation and they will be consulted in due course.

14. “When do we actively involve all **Members**?”

- All members have the option to feed into the consultation period prior to full council.

15. “We need a task list for **lobbying** HMG, MPs & LCC.”

- The most appropriate option and best practice is for officers to lobby for our councillors based on the actions of the strategy on behalf of the chair.