

Environment and Climate Projects		Q1, April - June 2023	Q2, July - September 2023	Q3, October - Dec 2023	Following the Council Plan refresh a number of projects have been amended, added or removed and therefore not all projects will be monitored in Qtr 4, please see below for information regarding which projects will continue to be monitored.
Ref and Title	Project Manager				
PENV1 - Status		Green	Green	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.	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.	The Climate Change Strategy was reviewed and a second draft presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee, alongside a document addressing comments and questions from the group. A consultant was appointed to assist with designing and delivering the public consultation for the strategy, due in January and February 2024.	This project has been reworded and carried forward into the new Council Plan and will therefore continue to be monitored and reported through O&S.
PENV2 - Status		Green	Green	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 arising's from ongoing woodland management work. The countryside and parks team have also been working together to manage our grasslands to create areas of meadow to improve sites by both drawing down carbon and enhancing biodiversity.	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 Low Carbon Skills Fund (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.	Work on the Climate Change Strategy has continued, in preparation for public consultation in January 2024. The Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee reviewed the most recent draft of the strategy and raised questions and amendments to the document that were addressed in each meeting. Consultants were appointed to conduct the public consultation work in early 2024, consisting of an online survey, stakeholder sessions, school sessions and an in-person roadshow across the borough to gather public views and opinions on climate action. Consultants working on the Salix Low Carbon Skills Fund (LCSF) project produced detailed Heat Decarbonisation Plan reports from their earlier survey work, indicating what measures might be suitable for improving our buildings heated by gas. They have been commissioned to complete detailed designs to accompany this work, in preparation for future funding rounds. We attended an Eco-Schools planning event in collaboration with Blackpool Council, to understand more about the scheme and how we can support local schools to get involved in sustainability. We also held a stall at the Poulton Community Christmas Event with climate change games, which was well received by the public and helped generate a conversation about climate change and what actions can be taken to help. The climate change section of the website has been updated with key information for the public to understand more about climate change, what the council is doing and what they can do to help. Our bronze Carbon Literate Organisation logo has also been added to council email signatures to raise awareness of our achievement, which has gathered interest.	This project has not been carried forward into the new Council Plan and will therefore no longer be monitored and reported through O&S. Instead this project will be moved to the service plan and progress will be monitored within the service.
PENV3 - Status		Green	Green	Green	
Collaborate with partners to reduce community energy consumption through retrofitting houses and the delivery of Cozy 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.	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.	26 HUG2 measures have now been installed in Wyre which makes Wyre the 3rd highest District for installations in Lancashire behind Lancaster and West Lancs. HUG2 installations are difficult and generally include quite large measures such as air source heat pumps and solar panels. Although the numbers don't look that high this is because it is hard to find qualifying properties (off gas, generally rural areas, with a poor energy rating and low household income) but we are doing well. We've hit target and I know we have further installations coming through for Q4.	This project has not been carried forward into the new Council Plan and will therefore no longer be monitored and reported through O&S. Instead this project will be moved to the service plan and progress will be monitored within the service.
PENV4 - Status		Green	Green	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 consultants. 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.	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.	Rock has continued to be installed in the tank traps area adjacent to Rossall School with RTT7 and RTT6 completed. RTT5 is close to completion and works have already started on RTT3 and RTT4. Rock has continued to be imported at the planned rate. Piling platforms were all completed in the period and the navigation markers installed. The concrete works have continued with further progress on RSS before moving the focus to the Cleveleys crossovers. The order of the works was adjusted due to a required change to C1 in order to tie in with the proposed Anchorsholme scheme, with C1 being carried out once the design was agreed. This has now been agreed and C1 is now the focus. Rock installation will continue to focus on the tank traps area. Rock quarries will continue to be built up across Cleveleys and Rossall South as required. In order to satisfy the MMO an outline plan was produced by Jacobs and submitted to the MMO by Wyre prior to Christmas to ensure there is no delay to work in the Northern areas.	This project has been carried forward into the new Council Plan and will therefore continue to be monitored and reported through O&S.