

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	14 November 2019

Executive Report: Leader of the Council

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on a number of issues, as set out below.

2. Lancashire Leaders Meeting and Lancashire District Leaders Meeting 6 November

- 2.1 As the agenda for the meeting of full Council will be published on 6 November I will provide members with a verbal update on matters raised at both the meeting of Lancashire Leaders and Lancashire District Leaders.

3. Climate Change

- 3.1 When full Council met in July and declared a Climate Change Emergency I stated that we would ensure adequate resources would be made available to ensure the issue of climate change was at the forefront of Council business. I can confirm that on Friday 18 October we advertised a newly created post of Climate Change and Environmental Projects Officer and their main function will be to develop the council's policies and lead on the delivery of key actions regarding Climate Change and Sustainability.
- 3.2 On 21 October I gave an interview to That's Lancashire TV on the subject of climate change and the interview was aired on 22 October from 6pm.
- 3.3 In line with our commitment to embrace technology and reduce our use of paper when the Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 21 October it was our first paperless committee meeting and we will continue to hold paperless meetings as evidenced here tonight.
- 3.4 Members will be aware that I am one of the Lead Members for the Lancashire Climate Change Theme Group and on 24 October I attended the Climate Change Theme Group meeting. We discussed how issues relating to climate change and the environment should be reflected in the Greater Lancashire Plan and it was confirmed that Andrew Bowen, Chief Executive of One Carbon World, a global resource partner for the United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative has agreed in principle to pre-approve grants for all 15 Lancashire

Councils to support the measurement of their carbon footprints and the Group agreed that the offer of grant funding should be pursued.

- 3.5** On 21 November Wyre's Climate Change Policy Group will hold their first meeting and I have no doubt that they will add value to both the implementation and policy process.

4. Comments and Questions

- 4.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.

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