

Appendix 1

PBC Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020-2025

Pendle Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019.

We are committed to taking action to become carbon neutral by 2030 or as soon as possible after that date.

To achieve this we are looking at how we can reduce our carbon emissions across all our service areas whilst also encouraging our key partners and local residents and organisations to also take action.

This action plan is based on feedback from consultation including young people and Pendle Council staff. There are seven themes:

- **Support & enable sustainable travel**
- **Reduce carbon emissions and energy demand from the built environment**
- **Reduce the harmful impacts of waste and water consumption**
- **Support our communities to take action**
- **Support our future generations to find solutions**
- **Mainstream climate change**
- **Support biodiversity and the natural environment to help local carbon off setting opportunities**

The plan identifies actions that the Council will take. But, recognising that climate change requires a multi-agency approach in delivering many of the solutions, we have identified actions which require collaborative working with key partners too.

Strategic Objectives	Action	Lead	Short (2021)/ medium (2023)/ long term (2025)	Budget allocation
1. Support and enable sustainable travel				

Action Pendle Council will take				
1.1 Encourage sustainable travel amongst PBC staff 1.2 Reduce emissions from PBC's transport fleet 1.3 Enable and promote active travel such as cycling and walking	Introduce a staff electric car pool scheme	David Walker	Mar 2023	
	Where applicable, reduce the need for staff travel ie through home working, better use of IT and flexi working	Jane McDonnell	Mar 2021	
	Undertake annual staff travel survey to baseline and understand current commuting patterns and encourage lift sharing amongst PBC staff	Gill Dickson	May 2020	
	Promote electric vehicles through the staff salary sacrifice car scheme	Jane McDonnell	Sept 2020	
	Improve the workplace cycling infrastructure	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	
	Support PBC staff in identifying safe cycle routes to work	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	
	Introduce and promote e-bike pool for PBC staff business use	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	
	Increase allowance on bike scheme to encourage staff to cycle more	Jane McDonnell	Mar 2021	
	Introduce electric vehicles into PBC's transport fleet and explore options for biogas from recycled vegetable oil	David Walker	Mar 2025	
	Introduce an electric Mayoral vehicle	Jane Watson	Jul 2020	
	Incentivise public transport use for PBC events and activities	Mike Williams	Mar 2021	

	Sign post and promote other existing cycling routes for safer cycling and walking.	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	
	Enhance Pendle's electric charging point infrastructure, subject to funding	Neil Yates	Mar 2023	£30,000
	Promote the canal tow path as a safe cycling and walking route	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	
	Ensure all development plans commit to carbon offsetting measures to reduce the overall impact to zero.	John Halton	Mar 2022	
Actions we will take in partnership				
1.4 Support and enable a green transport infrastructure	Develop new cycle ways in conjunction with LCC and in accordance with Pendle's Cycle Legacy Strategy	Tricia Wilson/ LCC	Mar 2023	
	Increase visibility of cycling in our town centres in conjunction with LCC	Tricia Wilson/ LCC	Mar 2023	
	Promote and encourage more cycling in Pendle in conjunction with partners	Tricia Wilson/ LCC, PLT, Go Velo and other cycle providers	Mar 2021	
	Support the reopening of the railway between Colne and Skipton and upgrading of EL line	Julie Whittaker/ LCC	Mar 2025	
	Work with public transport operators to enhance accessibility and environmental quality of Pendle's public transport.	Sandra Farnell/ LCC/ Bus operators	Mar 2025	
2.0 Reduce carbon emissions and energy demand from the built environment				

Action Pendle Council will take				
2.1 Heat our buildings with low carbon and/or renewable heating and change behaviours towards energy consumption 2.2 Encourage energy efficiency standards and improvements and reduce fuel poverty 2.3 Implement compliance in existing core strategy policies for all new development proposals, unless it can be demonstrated that compliance with the policy is not viable or feasible	Provide information and materials to educate and engage businesses with low carbon sources of heating	Hassan Ditta	Mar 2022	
	Ensure the Council's own estate's energy efficiency is maximised through improved energy management	Bruce Corden	Mar 2021	
	Ensure low cost technologies such as LED lighting are rolled out across the council estate, including parks and open spaces, as well as included in new developments, to reduce energy use	Bruce Corden	Mar 2021	
	Support private landlords to improve eco-standards and reduce domestic emissions	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2021	£20,000 (plus match funding £20,000 DFG)
	Develop and implement a Pendle Home Energy programme via CHiL	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2022	
	Review effectiveness of existing Policy ENV3 Renewable & Low Carbon Generation and Policy ENV20 in the Part 2 Local Plan (LP) to support delivery of renewable technologies on new developments (Policy ENV20 in the Part 2 Local Plan (LP2) will supplement and update Policy ENV3).	John Halton	Mar 2022	
	Showcase PEARL Together Housing Scheme on Harrison Drive as good practice for future housing developments	Julie Whittaker	Mar 2022	

	Consider scope for utilising open spaces such as parks for ground source heating system for local houses through the ENV20 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Policy	Kieron Roberts/ John Halton	Mar 2022	
	Review effectiveness of planning policies that support the Green Belt and Local Green Spaces	John Halton	Mar 2022	
	Actively promote brownfield sites for new developments	John Halton	Mar 2021	
	Review and audit Council's Draft Local Development Plan and Policies to ensure that they comply with the Climate Emergency and the Council commitment to achieve zero carbon by 2030	John Halton	Mar 2021	
3.0 Reduce the harmful impacts of waste and water consumption				
Actions Pendle Council will take				
3.1 Reduce Single Plastic Use in the council and in the community	Review Procurement Policy to minimise Single Use Plastics and enhance sustainable procurement	Craig Finn	Mar 2022	
3.2 Embed environmental practices such as grey water systems in building maintenance programmes	Encourage Single Use Plastics minimisation amongst Town and Parish Councils	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	
	Support the introduction of community drinking water schemes to minimise plastic bottle consumption	Gill Dickson	Jul 2021	
	Continue to reduce paper consumption and improve use of IT	Jane Watson	Mar 2021	
4.0 Supporting our communities to take action				
Actions Pendle Council will take				

4.1 Develop a media campaign to encourage community action on climate change	Campaign to encourage residents to improve their environment.	Alice Barnett/ Sarah Lee	Mar 2021	£25,000
	Campaign to promote reduce, reuse and recycle messages			
4.2 Identify PBC assets to support community action	Campaign to promote sustainable food			
4.3 Work with voluntary and community groups to enable collective action on climate change	Utilise the Environmental Action Group (EAG), to enable community groups to manage greenspace to aid and maximise carbon capture	David Walker	Mar 2021	
	Identify PBC land for potential community growing initiatives	Phil Kirby	Mar 2021	
	Support and encourage community climate initiatives	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	
	Promote community switch schemes to transfer energy from fossil fuel to renewable suppliers	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2022	
Actions we will take in partnership				
	Develop a protocol for climate emergency action and policies with Town and Parish Councils	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	
	Encourage Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership to incorporate environmental projects into Pendle's social prescribing programme	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
5.0 Supporting our future generations to find solutions				
Actions Pendle Council will take				
5.1 Work to ensure young people are engaged in solutions.	Build on the Pendle Schools Climate Movement to encourage schools to take collective action	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	£20,000
	Develop and implement plan Pendle Schools Climate Movement Communications Plan	Alice Barnett/ Sarah Lee	Jan 2021	

	Refresh Pendle Schools Climate Movement Communications Plan action plan for 2021-22		Mar 2021	
	Seek opportunities to creatively engage young people in climate change activities	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	£5,000
Actions we will take in partnership				
5.2 Work with local schools, Nelson and Colne College and other education bodies to increase understanding and involvement in climate change solutions	Engage with Pendle's Pupil Parliament and N&C College to facilitate further inter school events and activities	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
	Work with Pendle Challenge to raise aspirations and skills of young people	Sarah Astin-Wood	Mar 2021	
6.0 Mainstreaming climate change				
Actions Pendle Council will take				
6.1 Understand our own carbon footprint and review targets for carbon reduction	Embed climate change into the Council's Strategic Plan	Gill Dickson	May 2020	
	Calculate and produce annual emissions reports, appointing One Carbon World to establish a carbon footprint baseline	Gill Dickson	Sept 2021	
6.2 Include climate emergency considerations in all key new Council policies and plans	Work with PLT to reduce their carbon footprint	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
	Revise annual carbon reduction targets in line with 2030 carbon neutral target	Gill Dickson	Aug 2021	
	Identify and agree a Climate Emergency budget	Dean Langton	Mar 2020	
	Maintain the council's position opposing fracking	Dean Langton	Mar 2021	

	Lobby Government for policy change	Dean Langton	Mar 2022	
	Work with other Lancashire districts and Town & Parish Councils to enable collective action on climate change	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	
7.0 Support biodiversity and the natural environment to help local carbon off setting opportunities				
Actions Pendle Council will take				
7.1 Improve land and building management practices to better retain carbon	Support the Lancashire Woodland Connect initiative to increase woodland cover on private land	Lee Johnson	Sept 2020	£30,000 over 2 years
7.2 Improve opportunities for biodiversity and enhance and preserve the natural environment	Consider opportunities to reduce the use of herbicides for greenspace management	Lee Johnson	Mar 2021	
	Consider opportunities to reduce the use of pesticides for pest management	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2021	
7.3 Invest in tree planting and woodland management	Strengthen consideration of landscaping schemes in relation to planning applications	Lee Johnson	Mar 2022	
	Explore the use of deploying differential mowing techniques in suitable areas of our parks	Kieron Roberts/ Keith Higson	Mar 2021	
	Continue to reduce the provision of annual bedding. Where there is a continued need for bedding seek to replace resource heavy annuals with perennial planting schemes	Kieron Roberts/ Keith Higson	Mar 2021	
	Encourage Town Councils to continue the work of re-wilding areas in the parks	Kieron Roberts	Mar 2021	

	Work with a key Pendle landowner to encourage and adopt re-wilding approaches and promote good practice	Lee Johnson	Mar 2022	
	Explore the opportunities and feasibility for urban greening (e.g. street trees), tree planting and green roofs/walls and promote them through ENV1 Protecting and Enhancing Our Natural Environments	Scott Whalley	Mar 2021	
	Promote local scale offsetting through tree planting and retaining green spaces as a normal function of future planning processes	Lee Johnson/ Neil Watson	Mar 2022	
	Develop and implement the Tree & Woodland Management Strategy	Lee Johnson	Nov 2020	
	Set annual tree planting targets for PBC and RRT sites	Lee Johnson	Aug 2020	
	Develop annual tree planting plans in conjunction with RRT	Lee Johnson	Oct 2020	
	Off set the Council's carbon emissions through local tree planting initiatives	Lee Johnson	Mar 2021	
Actions we will take in partnership				
	Maintain our semi-natural grassland pasture in good order for its soils ability to capture carbon	PHLP	Mar 2023	
	Protect and enhance moors and wetlands, with involvement of community environmental groups	PHLP	Mar 2023	
	Use offsetting practices (e.g. tree planting) as an educational opportunity for local residents and schools about the issues we face and the available solutions	Lancashire Woodland Connect	Mar 2022	

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