



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING OF THE

CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

(Members: Councillors Zafar Ali, Chris Church, David Cockburn-Price, Sarah Cockburn-Price, Ash Sutcliffe, Y. Tennant and Tom Whipp).

TO BE HELD
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON
12TH MARCH 2025

AT 6.00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes

Enc. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 13th January, 2025.

2. REUSE360HUB Scheme

To receive a presentation from Lancashire County Council on the REUSE360HUB Scheme.

3. Climate Change Strategy

To receive a presentation on ekosgen's progress on the development of the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

4. Update from the Climate Programme Manager

To receive a presentation from the Climate Programme Manager on his current work programme.

5. "Unproven" Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

To discuss "unproven" carbon capture and storage technology and its potential impact on consumers' bills

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce8jpi3z3n2o?link_id=7&can_id=fe717fa18038b0a9182b9992b93e4e7e&source=email-morning-briefing-thursday-6-february&email_referrer=email_2610281&email_subject=morning-briefing-friday-7-february

6. Writing to our M.P. / The Government

Topic / issue to consider at this meeting:

- Sustainable farming in Pendle (informative links circulated in advance of the meeting)

The following topics / issues have already been raised with our M.P. and his detailed responses are awaited:

- Concerns over the revised NPPF and its inadvertent effects on Pendle, especially low viability leading to Brownfield land lying empty, with Greenfield sites only being developed
- Concerns over the under supply of suitable housing for older people in Pendle and the lack of variety of home built by developers
- Rewriting the new National Design code, so detached houses become the exception, not the rule
- A request that the reoccupation of long-term empty houses is counted towards a Local Authority's annual housing target
- Creating the infrastructure for a balanced approach to renewable and sustainable energy, encompassing not just solar and wind power, but also other technologies, such as geothermal and hydropower
- Banning the use of peat in compost completely in all circumstances
- Supporting a ban on the practice of burning and drying out our peatlands by landowners who use their moors for grouse shooting and by landowners who wish to develop their peat

moorland by cutting numerous tracks through it to facilitate large scale windpower developments

- Introducing a nationwide bottle and can deposit scheme
- Introducing some form of additional taxation on fast food outlets to help Councils deal with the huge amounts of waste their customers discard
- Deploying a greater number of community payback schemes to help deal with littering and fly tipping
- Commissioning a series of public information films to be shown on television, and via social media, to demonstrate the harm to the environment garnered by people who throw rubbish from their vehicles
- Banning plastic grass in domestic contexts

There will also be an opportunity for further topics / issues to be put forward.

7. Items for Noting

- **Herbicide Use.**

County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe has requested relevant Officers at Lancashire County Council consider the cessation of weed spraying in suburban areas across Lancashire. The following response was received:

“The use of Glyphosate remains the most effective treatment available, but LCC do continue to review and trial any new methods or treatments as they come to market.

You also enquire about the possibility of not treating at all, however we do have a statutory duty to remove weeds for the highway which could materially damage the fabric of the highway or cause a safety issue to users of the highway. This is under the ***Control of weeds to prevent damage to the highway and to prevent the establishment of Weeds Act 1959 and the wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981.***

The following is set out in the LCC highway Management plan in respect of how LCC treats weeds (You can find the full document here: [Highway management plan - Lancashire County Council](#)).

Operational Standards for Weed Control

Within the framework of the statutory provisions the council will take action to safeguard the condition of the highway where weed growth is seen to be physically damaging the fabric of the highway or presents a hazard or where weed growth is having a detrimental effect on the safety of the highway.

We will comply with the:

- statutory provisions of the Weeds Act to control the spread of Curled Dock, Broad Leafed Dock, Creeping Thistle and Ragwort and the specific requirements of the Wildlife and Countryside Act in relation to the control of Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed.
- UK Government advice in relation to 'Prevent harmful weeds and invasive non-native plants spreading'.

Definition of Activity

- Physical and chemical weed control methods will be used on highways where they are practical and cost effective. Where practical, weed control will be integrated into a co-ordinated programme with the District Council's highway sweeping to remove living and treated weeds from carriageways, footways and cycle routes.
- All weed spraying shall be carried out in accordance with the Control of Pesticides Regulations. Only approved pesticides listed 'on the Pesticides Register of UK Authorised Products produced by the Health and Safety Executive.
- For highway hard impermeable surface weed killing operations a translocated non[1]residual contact herbicide should be used. New weed growth occurs in spring and autumn, so for effective weed control, we will apply two applications to adopted areas which will be supported by responsive treatments as considered necessary. On permeable areas of the highway verge, including planted beds, we may consider use of new residual herbicides.”

- **Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LLNRS).**

A report was submitted at the meeting of the Executive held on 20th February 2025 to inform Members of the pre-consultation draft LLNRS and to seek approval for it proceeding to public consultation. A copy of this report can be found at <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3396/executive>. The Executive resolved to endorse the pre-consultation draft LLNRS as they deemed it an appropriate document for the ecological needs of Pendle and an acceptable form to proceed to formal public consultation.

- **Pendle Borough Council's Parking Strategy and EV Charging Points in Car Parks.**

The scoping of Pendle Borough Council's (PBC's) Parking Strategy is in the process of being agreed and a Consultant will be appointed to undertake the work.

PBC Officers are working closely with Lancashire County Council (LCC) on the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme. LCC has been furnished with details of PBC's car parks, and the case made for them to consider quick wins and use the existing infrastructure to enable residents living within a five minute walk of car parks to charge their cars during the evening.

LCC will consider this as an option for Pendle, as it avoids doing more costly work in streets and to lampposts which are either back of pavement or non-existent. The outcome of LCC's fact finding exercise is awaited and PBC Officers will continue to work closely with them.

- **Recycling Rates in Pendle.**

Enc. Attached is some District recycling data provided by Lancashire County Council in February 2025. Pendle's recycling performance is quite strong when compared to its nearest neighbours. Pendle's most damaging factor is its residual waste tonnages. Its non-recycling stream (grey bin and bulky stream) greatly affects its recycling rate. The data also shows how Pendle compares with the top ten ranked Councils nationally.

Pendle Borough Council has recently appointed a Recycling Officer who will be helping it to introduce new schemes, such as the weekly food waste collections, which will be provided from the week commencing 30th March 2026, and to improve its recycling performance.

8. Items for a Future Agenda

- Climate Engagement Programme Update (ongoing)
- Community Energy / Community Heat Networks / Rossendale Visit
- Geothermal Energy – opportunities being scrutinised by our Climate Emergency Officer
- Guest Speaker(s) from Environment Agency and/or Ribble Rivers Trust (invitation issued)
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) new Active Travel Team (invitation issued)
- Guest Speaker from LCC's Transport Team (invitation issued)
- Integrated train, bus networks, perhaps with more freight on our railways
- Presentation on 2030hub (invitation issued)
- RecycleIT
- Street Trees

There will also be an opportunity for further items to be put forward.

9. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings will be held on:

Monday, 23rd June 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 15th September 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 17th November 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 19th January 2026 at 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 16th March 2026 at 6.00 p.m.