



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING OF THE

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

(Members: Councillors Z. Ali, C. Church, D. Cockburn-Price, S. Cockburn-Price, A. Sutcliffe, Y. Tennant and L. Whipp).

TO BE HELD  
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON  
**23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2025**

AT 6.00 P.M.

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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

# AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chair

To consider the appointment of a Chair of the Working Group for the municipal year 2025/26.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

To consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair of the Working Group for the municipal year 2025/26.

3. Minutes

**Enc.** To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

4. Ribble Rivers Trust

To receive a presentation from Jack Spees of Ribble Rivers Trust.

5. 2030hub

To receive a presentation from Stephen Sykes on 2030hub.

6. Backlog in Renewable Energy Connections to the National Grid

To discuss the backlog in renewable energy connections to the National Grid. These links show the worrying current situation:

<https://www.cornwall-insight.com/press-and-media/press-release/battery-storage-connection-queue-double-the-grids-requirement-for-2030/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2024/dec/09/uk-renewable-energy-grid-connection-infrastructure>

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/press-release/clean-power-2030-one-step-closer-proposed-new-fast-track-grid-connections-system-unveiled>

The Government has issued a press release about the measures it is taking to tackle the problem, but do we think this is sufficient?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/clean-energy-projects-prioritised-for-grid-connections>

7. Climate Change Strategy

**Enc.** To receive a presentation on the final version of the Council's Climate Change Strategy that was presented to the Executive on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

8. Update from the Climate Programme Manager

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

9. Calderdale Wind Farm Non-Statutory Consultation

To receive an update on the Calderdale Wind Farm Non-Statutory Consultation that closed on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

10. Plant Based Treaty

To discuss the Plant Based Treaty initiative that is gaining momentum worldwide and whether this Group should sign it (<https://plantbasedtreaty.org/>).

11. Reusable Cloth Nappies

To discuss the benefits of using reusable cloth nappies over disposable nappies with a view to promoting their use in Pendle.

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

The email on support for farmers and sustainable farming practices was sent, but to date, no response has been received. Owing to the lack of replies, the chair has sent fresh correspondence on all the issues that have been sent to the MP directly to the ministers responsible.

Topics / issues to consider at this meeting:

- Reusable Cloth Nappies
- The balance between renewable energy projects and when their location can cause damage to valuable natural resources

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

13. Example of Good Practice

**Trawden Community Composting Scheme**

The chair was invited to see the Trawden Community Composting Scheme in action. The scheme was funded by this Working Group at its inception. Also in attendance were representatives from three contributors to the Scheme: Trawden in Bloom, Trawden Community Allotments and Trawden Forest Primary School. The process was explained, from the initial weeds, brambles and cuttings in the first bay, to the finer, composted material in the third. This was then taken to a grinder/sieve. Everyone took turns and the result was incredibly fine, rich potting compost. Trawden in Bloom has now started its own facility in addition to this one at its own allotment and hopes to be soon self sufficient in compost. Trawden Forest Primary has done likewise and now composts food from its kitchens in advance of Pendle Council's waste food collection service, which it will now barely need to use. This was an inspiring tour and talk by experienced composters who were able to set up their infrastructure thanks to previous funding from this Group.

There will also be an opportunity for further examples of good practice to be put forward.

14. Item for Noting

- **Supplier's Response on the Origin of Pendle Borough Council's HVO Fuel.**

When a BBC news story entitled 'UK investigating claims green fuel contains virgin palm oil' (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cm24n8nej94o>) came to light Pendle Borough Council raised it with the Suppliers of its HVO fuel and their response was as follows:  
"The article is referring to POME "palm oil mill effluent", we source directly from producers (not traders), reducing the supply chain and ensuring the strongest proof of sustainability for our customers. We carbon test all HVO imports and guarantee biogenic carbon in all our deliveries.

This is why I was getting the point across that it's not apples for apples when comparing our HVO price to other competitors.

We only source from producers that guarantee the product is derived from UCO, confirmed on the Proof of Sustainability we receive and pass on to the Department for Transport. We've always taken a firm stance on integrity, no sourcing from Chinese or Russian producers, and we've been clear with our customers that price differentials often come down to feedstocks. While POME based HVO can be cheaper, it raises genuine sustainability concerns. We can evidence all our HVO is sourced from UCO (no palm based / POME feedstocks)".

#### 15. Items for a Future Agenda

- Climate Engagement Programme Update (ongoing)
- Community Energy / Community Heat Networks / Rossendale Visit (contact made to schedule a visit, now drilling has commenced)
- Geothermal Energy – opportunities being scrutinised by our Climate Programme Manager
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) new Active Travel Team (invitation issued)
- Guest Speaker from LCC's Transport Team to discuss integrated train, bus networks, perhaps with more freight on our railways (invitation issued)
- Guest Speaker from LCC to discuss Street Trees (invitation issued)
- RecycleIT
- Sponsoring a Tree Nursery in Pendle

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

#### 16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6.00 p.m.**