



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 Lola Whipp).

TO BE HELD
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON

19th JANUARY 2026

AT 6.00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. **Minutes** -1 min

Enc. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 15th December 2025.

2. **Guest Speaker** - 20 mins, plus 10 mins of questions

Ollie Mackrill, Senior Ecologist - Nature Recovery Lancashire County Council

3. **New Climate Emergency Officer** - 5 mins

Verbal Update on Clare’s first ten days in her new role with Pendle Council.

4. **Lobbying our MP and H.M. Government on Climate Emergency Issues** – 10 mins

To approve the draft letter on behalf of the Working Group to Emma Reynolds on the 30by30 Treaty.

To approve the draft letter to Steven Reed, on behalf of the Working Group on Permitted Development Rights for impervious materials.

5. **National Emergency Briefing** - 5 mins

To ask the Exec to sign the letter to Sir Keir Starmer and media heads calling for a televised emergency briefing.

About the National Emergency Briefing: - <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

6. **Verbal/Written Update on EV Charging in Car Parks** – 10 mins

7. **To Brainstorm Community Engagement in 2026** – 20 mins

We need to improve our communication with Pendle residents of all ages. This should be aligned with the strategic objectives from the PBC Climate Change Strategy as outlined below:

Pendle Climate Change Strategy Objectives:	<i>Indicative summary actions to deliver strategic objectives</i>
1.Reduce carbon emissions across Pendle	Cutting emissions from buildings, transport, and industry
2.Improve Climate Resilience and Adaptation	Improving energy efficiency Supporting renewable energy generation. Ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient and able to adapt to climate impacts such as flooding, heatwaves, and drought.
3.Embed Sustainability in Council Operations	Reduce emissions from council buildings and fleet Implement low-carbon interventions across council assets

<p>4.Support Sustainable Communities and Behaviour Change</p> <p>5.Deliver against Action Plan, Monitoring & Report Performance</p>	<p>Integrate climate considerations into all decision making.</p> <p>Community engagement and education Supporting residents and businesses to reduce emissions, encouraging sustainable travel, waste /water reduction, and energy efficiency and green infrastructure.</p> <p>A structured action plan and monitoring framework to track progress</p> <p>Regular progress updates.</p>
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How we do this **most effectively** to reach the different demographics in the Borough, to include those that are currently not engaged with this crucial issue? Some example ideas:

- Applying for a grant to administer a community fund of small scale projects
- Sessions in schools and out of schools on their allotments and grounds and on Pendle's nature reserves
- Sessions with teachers, encouraging mentorship and enrolment into the Eco School Scheme
- Drop in events in libraries
- Working with established community groups, like Eco Barnoldswick and Trawden Community Centre and Shop
- Dialogue with large landowners
- Set up our own social media accounts
- An event or public meeting(s) at the Town Hall
- The establishment of a quarterly online newsletter giving details of our projects
- Working with a community to establish rain gardens
- Working with allotment societies
- Setting up a community energy scheme, such as a community owned solar array
- Set up gazebos to talk about the Climate Emergency at community events
- Reach out to churches and mosques and other volunteer groups to encourage them to litterpick their areas

8. **Discussion about the new Climate Change section on the Pendle Council website** - 15 mins: <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/climatechange>
 Are any changes desired?
 What additional, future developments would members like to see in this section of the website?
9. **Lowering Glyphosate Usage by Pendle Council** – 5 mins
 Verbal update on Phil Riley's discussion with officers at Brighton and Hove Council
10. **Items for Noting**
- i. There is no update on the reusable nappy campaign in Pendle. This is something we will seek collaborators on during the spring and report back to the March meeting of this Working Group.
 - ii. Update on the Peat Policy for town and parish councils and community groups.
10. **Items for a Future Agenda** - 5 mins

The following were suggested for inclusion on agendas for future meetings:

- Community Energy / Community Heat Networks / Rossendale Visit
- Geothermal Energy opportunities in Pendle – for the new Climate Emergency Officer to take up
- An update from LCC on the progress of its Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets projects in Pendle.

11. **Other potential guest speakers to invite** - 1 min

- Lancashire Peat Partnership
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) Active Travel Team
- Recycle IT
- Inviting the LCC officer responsible for Street Trees
- United Utilities to discuss their £3 billion investment in preventing sewage outfall into watercourses and marine environments

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on:

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