

APPENDIX 1- Jan 20th2019, Climate Change Motion Update

<i>COUNCIL AGREED ACTION</i>	<i>UPDATE</i>
<p>1) Supports the setting up of a Climate Change Cabinet Liaison group immediately, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens and experts from the two Universities and other relevant parties. Over the following 12 months, the Group will review the 2010 Lancaster City Council Climate Change Strategy and help the Council develop a new carbon budget taking into account both production and consumption of emissions;</p>	<p>A Climate Change Cabinet Liaison group was set up and met twice in the 18/ 19 Municipal Year.</p> <p>Following the Elections in May –</p> <p>The Deputy Leader has been allocated portfolio responsibility for Climate Change.</p> <p>A number of Cabinet Advisory Groups have been established to allow Portfolio holders to develop policy on key strategic issues. One of these groups is the Climate and Environment Advisory Group which has so far met on two occasions. Future meetings will be themed (eg next meeting is about ‘Adaptation’) and key stakeholders and interested parties will be invited to meetings.</p>
<p>1a) Calls on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible;</p>	<p>The UK government has declared a climate change emergency. As yet no specific additional resources have been allocated to local government to address climate change.</p> <p>At it’s conference in July 2019 the Local Government Association (of which Lancaster City Council is a member) declared a climate change emergency and is now developing a work programme in consultation with elected members.</p>
<p>1b) Draws upon the observations, insights and reports of the Citizens’ Assembly</p>	<p>A citizen’s jury (the same as an Assembly but at scale which is appropriate to the Lancaster District) is in the process of being arranged.</p> <p>We have appointed Shared Futures CiC to manage this for us.</p> <p>Preparatory work is underway. It is expected the jury will commence its deliberations in Jan 2020</p>

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<p>1c) Reviews the Council's Investment Strategy to give due weight to Climate Change targets in the Investment portfolio;</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
<p>1d) Reports to Full Council prior to the next budget cycle with a fully costed action plan to address this emergency to feed into the 2020 budget;</p>	<p>The costed plans to provided in Appendix 2 will be fed through the budget process</p>
<p>2) Requests that the Cabinet member with responsibility for Climate Change, working with the Climate Change Cabinet Liaison group, convenes a Citizens' Assembly in 2019 in order to help identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030;</p>	<p>See 1b)</p>
<p>2a) To consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;</p>	<p>This work is well underway see Appendix 2</p>

<p>2b) To increase local resilience to climate impacts already in the system;</p>	<p>Local communities are working actively to increase resilience. (Support and advice is provided by the Council where requested)</p> <p>Besides the Lune Valley Flood Forum there are 3 flood action groups-</p> <p>South Lancaster (covering Burrow Beck). They have joined forces with the South Lancaster Community Emergency centre at St. Pauls, Scotforth to produce a community emergency centre plan.</p> <p>Galgate - formed after the Nov 17 floods.</p> <p>Slyne - a small group dealing with the surface water issues at Slyne but separate from the Slyne CEP Group</p> <p>There are thirteen Community Emergency Planning Groups with published plans in our district:</p> <p>Borwick and Priest Hutton Carnforth Caton and North Quernmore Ireby with Leck Halton with Aughton Nether Kellett Over Kellett Overton Slyne-with-Hest South Lancaster Sunderland Point Warton Wennington</p> <p>Three further parishes are working on plans -</p> <p>Galgate</p>
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	<p>Silverdale Thurnham with Glasson</p> <p>To help inform the Citizen Jury a Cabinet Advisory Group meeting on adaptation is planned.</p>
<p>2c) To maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as health, agriculture, transport and the economy;</p>	<p>A plan to consider how best to influence areas that are not directly in the Council's control will be developed following the citizen's jury</p>
<p>2d) To support and with all other relevant agencies towards making the Lancaster District Zero Carbon within the same timescale;</p>	<p>A plan to consider how best to influence areas that are not directly in the Council's control will be developed following the citizen's jury</p>
<p>2e) Other actions that could be recommended include (but are not restricted to): increasing the efficiency of buildings; prioritizing these measures for council housing and private sector housing to address fuel poverty; building solar and other renewable energy generating and storage plant; requiring all new housing and commercial developments to be low carbon; replacing the vehicle fleet with electric and/or hydrogen powered vehicles; switching to 100% fossil-fuel-free energy; setting up a council run energy company (i.e. Robin Hood Energy) and adapting the council's purchasing policy; commissioning consultations with the district's young citizens, who will be most affected by the effects of climate change;</p>	<p>The Council has already switched to a renewable electricity tariff.</p> <p>Appendix 2 addresses some of the actions that are directly in the Council's control. (building solar, storage plant, replacing vehicle fleet</p> <p>The other actions are currently all being considered.</p>
<p>3) Requests that the Cabinet member with responsibility for climate change should take steps to proactively include young citizens in the process, being attentive of the fact that young citizens are frequently not on the electoral roll, due to being under 18, due to under-registration or due to living in Student/other temporary Accommodation;</p>	<p>The Cabinet Advisory group is open to all ages.</p> <p>Young citizens will be included in the citizen jury</p>

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<p>4) Where necessary officer reports to Cabinet and Full Council contain impact assessments on Climate Change that include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce carbon emissions where possible;</p>	<p>This is already in place and will be further refined.</p>
<p>5) Works with partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources;</p>	<p>This is already being reflected in our strategic planning and partnership working.</p>
<p>6) Supports Lancashire’s public health group on air quality in Lancashire the “Air Quality Champions Network” and requests that a City Councillor be put forward to attend meetings.</p>	<p>Officers already support this. A request to put forward a City Cllr is to be submitted.</p>
<p>7) Requests a report from our pension funds and investment managers on the levels of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, to be delivered within 3 months;</p>	<p>Report received</p>
<p>8) In recognition of the seriousness of the financial constraints that the Council faces, and the expectation that both the development and implementation of many measures above are likely to be contingent on securing significant additional extra funding, that the District’s local MPs be called upon to ensure that Central government provides the powers, resources and funding to make this possible, and that Council writes to them to seek their commitments.</p>	<p>A copy of this report will be sent by way of an update and outline of costs to date.</p>