

1. Question submitted by Councillor June Greenwell to Councillor Kevin Frea

The Council signed up to tackle climate change almost 12 months ago, when we declared a climate emergency, as we strive to reduce our carbon footprint, and play our part in saving the planet.

Would you tell me how much of the electricity the council currently uses is from renewable sources?

ANSWER

Councillor Frea responded:

At the time that the decision to purchase through Yorkshire Purchasing Authority was taken we were able to switch to a renewable tariff and are on a green electricity tariff now for all those contracts that are managed and co-ordinated by Property Group. The main exception is car park lighting, and we are currently moving this across as well.

2. Question submitted by Councillor June Greenwell to Councillor Kevin Frea

Is the council intending to increase the percentage of renewable electricity the council uses, and if it is, when is this likely to happen?

ANSWER

Councillor Frea replied:

Our biggest consumer of electricity is Salt Ayre. It is anticipated that 95% of Salt Ayre's electricity will be provided directly from our own solar installation. This means electricity will be cheaper and directly supplied by renewables.

Just for background -

The electricity we get is from the grid but there is an offset agreement, and npower explain it like this:

<https://www.npower.com/business-solutions/products-and-services/buying-energy/renewable-energy/>

3. Question from Councillor Darren Clifford to Councillor Alistair Sinclair

In light of the widely reported incidents of anti-social behaviour by gangs of youths in and around Lancaster City Centre which caused such distress to residents and local businesses alike, can the cabinet member responsible confirm that the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering that area was allowed to lapse by Lancaster City Council.

ANSWER

Councillor Sinclair said that there had been some incidents of anti-social behaviour from young people but no evidence of sustained anti-social behaviour. In terms of gangs of youths, there didn't appear to be an issue with gangs, the issue was with young people having nowhere to go. He was not aware of significant distress caused to residents although he was aware of a weekend when the police dispersed a large number of people. With regard to the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), consultation had been undertaken towards the

end of last year and officers felt there was a need for further consultation. Community engagement was important and it was important to talk to a wide range of stakeholders as to how to move forward with regard to PSPO's. They hadn't been used with regard to young people and the police had significant powers to address anti-social behaviour in the district. A Head of Public Protection had just been appointed and would be engaging with the community to consider if PSPO's were necessary.

Supplementary question to Councillor Alistair Sinclair

Councillor Clifford thanked Councillor Sinclair for his comprehensive answer and agreed that enforcement was not the only option. By way of a supplementary question for which he would accept a written answer, Councillor Clifford suggested that from time to time cases of anti-social behaviour were referred to the Legal department and would it would be possible to tell Councillors how many cases had been referred to the Legal department, and the outcome.

Councillor Sinclair agreed to provide a written response.