

Climate Change- Outcomes of the People's Jury 16th Dec 2020

Report of Director for Communities and Environment

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present to Council the outcomes of the People's Jury and recommend further steps.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Council notes the outcomes of the People's Jury.**
- (2) That Council thanks the residents of our District who were members of the People's Jury for their contribution.**
- (3) That Council notes that Cabinet will engage with our communities and local organisations to develop a response and action plans to address the recommendations from the People's Jury .**
- (4) That the response and action plans are reported back to Council for noting.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** As part of the Council's declaration of climate emergency on 30th Jan 2019 the following was agreed-

...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;

- To consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;*
- To increase local resilience to climate impacts already in the system;*
- To maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as health, agriculture, transport and the economy;*
- To support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the Lancaster District Zero Carbon within the same timescale;*
- 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;

- 1.2 As has been previously reported to Council 'Shared Futures CIC' were commissioned to facilitate this.
- 1.3 Based on the size of our District it was more appropriate to hold a jury rather than assembly.
- 1.4 The 28 members of the People's Jury were chosen to reflect the make-up of the District in relation to gender, age, ethnicity, disability, geography, attitude to climate change and deprivation.
- 1.5 Specifically, the People's Jury members were tasked with answering the question '*What do we need to do in our homes, neighbourhoods and district to respond to the emergency of climate change?*'
- 1.6 To help them, the People's Jury members heard from a series of experts on a range of different subjects.
- 1.7 The recommendations from the People's Jury were presented to cabinet members, members of the oversight panel & key stakeholders on Monday 23rd Nov 2020 to stakeholders representing sectors including transport, agriculture, education, housing and the City and County Council.
- 1.8 The public launch of the jury's report was held on 7th Dec 2020 and all Councillors were invited to attend.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 The recommendations from the People's Jury are attached to this report.
- 2.2 Some of the recommendations relate to areas over which the Council has direct control. Many of the recommendations relate to areas the Council has no direct control over. It is important to note that whilst the Council has commissioned the work delivery of the recommendations will depend very much on many different stakeholders taking responsibility for their areas. The Council has strategic role in leadership, coordination, oversight and influence. Hence the request for the Council to have the report formally handed over to it.
- 2.3 Council is requested to note the outcomes and formally thank the members of the People's Jury for their work.
- 2.4 Council is also notes that the Cabinet will lead on the coordination of responses and action plans to address the recommendations from the People's Jury.
- 2.5 Successful response to the emergency climate change requires the efforts of all. There is already a Climate Change Advisory Group that can support Cabinet on this. Consideration should also be given to seeking the ongoing support of People's Jury members in the response and action planning.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 As set out in the report.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 The report sets out a means of ensuring the outcomes of the People's Jury are used to address the emergency of climate change.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):
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None as a direct result of this report
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising out of this report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, further work will be generated from collating the findings of the group and initially this can be managed from within existing workloads and budgets. Upon addressing the recommendations, any future decisions with a financial consequence that sit outside the budget framework will be subject to further reports, prior to their adoption.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces
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None as a direct result of this report
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SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments
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MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Any ideas coming from the People's Jury would more than likely be for Cabinet to decide unless they fell outside, or were not in accordance with, the Budget & Policy framework. Full Council may however make a recommendation to Cabinet for them to make the decision regarding implementation. The decisions would fall within Cabinet's powers to be responsible for the economic, social and environmental well- being of the area.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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