Climate Change Action Plan: Wider Borough

Our goal is to support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire Wyre area zero carbon by 2050.

ID	Theme	Action	Timescale	Priority
1.0	**Measurement**			
	Use national database tools to gain an understanding of current emissions produced across Wyre and identify key sources of carbon emissions to target.			
1.1	Carbon footprint measurement	Measure the carbon footprint of the borough using data from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and set appropriate reduction targets.	Ongoing	High
1.2	Postcode analysis of carbon emissions	Investigate feasibility of analysing carbon emissions by postcode and targeting key areas for emissions reduction schemes.	Medium term	Medium
2.0	**Planning**			
	Use planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net zero carbon developments and communities, encourage healthy, active lifestyles and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.			
2.1	Wyre Local Plan	Use planning powers and relevant policies within the Local Plan to ensure new developments are designed to mitigate against climate change and to be resilient to future impacts.	Ongoing	Medium
2.2	Decision making	Ensure all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2050 as far as Planning Law allows it.	Ongoing	High
2.3	Planning officer working group	Work with planning officers from neighbouring Local Authorities to identify best practice and effectively coordinate a local response to climate change.	Ongoing	High
3.0	**Transport**			
	Improve air quality and healthy lifestyles by encouraging a modal shift from private cars, increasing take-up on public transport when safe to do so, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and supporting more people to walk or cycle.			
3.1	Charging points	Where appropriate, install electric charging points on council-owned	Short term	High

		car parks to support the phased transition to electric vehicles.		
3.2	Active travel	Explore ways to improve walking and cycling infrastructure across the borough.	Medium term	Medium
3.4	Air quality	Measure and monitor air quality across Wyre and target interventions accordingly.	Ongoing	Medium
4.0	**Housing**			
	Help owner-occupied homes to be more energy efficient and support vulnerable residents from the effects of climate change.			
4.1	Home energy efficiency initiatives	Continue to support the delivery of energy efficiency measures via the Cosy Homes in Lancashire partnership to help heat and insulate homes.	Ongoing	High
4.2	Fuel poverty	Support those in fuel poverty by providing advice regarding more fuel-efficient heating.	Ongoing	High
5.0	**Waste**			
	Educate and support residents and businesses to reduce, recycle and reuse materials as part of sustainable circular economy.			
5.1	Household waste collection	Continue to encourage residents to divert household waste from landfill or final disposal, and communicate key messages to reduce, reuse and recycle waste.	Ongoing	High
5.2	Bulky household waste collections	Continue to promote the Bulky Household Waste collection service to allow items to be reused and recycled, as well as supporting the local community.	Ongoing	High
6.0	**Environment**			
	Work in partnership to restore and protect our native biodiversity and vital carbon sinks, work to prevent and protect against increased flooding events, and ensure everyone has access to local green spaces.			
6.1	Tree planting	Follow our commitment to plant an additional 25,000 trees by the end of the 2023/24 financial year.	Long term	High
6.2	Partnership working	Support key partnerships to enable the effective management of the wide variety of landscapes and	Ongoing	High

		habitats across Wyre, to increase biodiversity and carbon sequestration.		High
6.3	Flooding	Support residents via the Wyre flood forum to become more resilient to the increased risk of flooding.	Ongoing	High
7.0	**Engagement** Support residents and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions and promote positive behaviour change in the community.			
7.1	Communications plan	Develop a communications plan to maximise opportunities to promote the council's actions and encourage behaviour change from businesses and residents.	Short term	High
7.2	Community groups	Engage with community groups, parish and town councils in Wyre to raise awareness of actions to limit climate change and promote positive behavioural change.	Medium term	High
7.3	Schools and youth groups	Work with schools and youth groups to raise awareness and proactively include young people in decisions.	Ongoing	High
7.4	Youth council	Work with Wyre and Garstang Youth Councils and Youth Majors to involve young people in decision-making and action on climate change.	Short term	Medium
7.5	Partnerships	Work with, influence and inspire partners across Wyre, Lancashire and the North West to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops.	Long term	Medium
7.6	Lobbying	Lobby and request the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make action possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise.	Short term	High
7.7	Local businesses	Work with local businesses to encourage green practices, provide support for accessing funding, and to share best practice.	Ongoing	High