

Appendix 1

PBC Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020-2025

Progress to date Nov 2020

Strategic Objectives	Action	Lead	Short (2021)/ medium (2023)/ long term (2025)	Progress
<b>1. Support and enable sustainable travel</b>				
<b>Action Pendle Council will take</b>				
<b>1.1 Encourage sustainable travel amongst PBC staff</b>	Introduce a staff electric car pool scheme	David Walker	Mar 2023	
	Where applicable, reduce the need for staff travel ie through home working, better use of IT and flexi working	Jane McDonnell	Mar 2021	Covid has changed working practices.
	Undertake annual staff travel survey to baseline and understand current commuting patterns and encourage lift sharing amongst PBC staff	Gill Dickson	May 2020	Undertaken Feb 2020
	Promote electric vehicles through the staff salary sacrifice car scheme	Jane McDonnell	Sept 2020	
	Improve the workplace cycling infrastructure	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	Funding secured from 'Access Fund Business Support Grants' to add bike shelter at Fleet Street Depot in April; work started on a shower facility at
<b>1.2 Reduce emissions from PBC's transport fleet</b>				
<b>1.3 Enable and promote active travel such as cycling and walking</b>				

				the Town Hall; personal lockers are located at Fleet Street, Nelson Town Hall and Number One with 4 secure cycle pods relocated to the rear of Nelson Town Hall for staff use.
	Support PBC staff in identifying safe cycle routes to work	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	Worked with Go Velo on identifying cycle routes for the Nelson Masterplan
	Introduce and promote e-bike pool for PBC staff business use	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	Funding secured for 2 e-staff bikes (yet need to be purchased). There is already a fleet of 10 adult pedal bikes available at the Steven Burke Sports Hub which could be offered for staff use. Free cycle training also advertised to staff during Love to Ride challenges.
	Increase allowance on bike scheme to encourage staff to cycle more	Jane McDonnell	Mar 2021	Cyclescheme limit has been increased to £1,500.
	Introduce electric vehicles into PBC's transport fleet and explore options for biogas from recycled vegetable oil	David Walker	Mar 2025	

	Introduce an electric Mayoral vehicle	Jane Watson	Jul 2020	
	Incentivise public transport use for PBC events and activities	Mike Williams	Mar 2021	No events due to Covid
	Sign post and promote other existing cycling routes for safer cycling and walking.	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	Working on sign posting PLT's Green Corridor Route from Pendle Leisure Centre to the tow path and from Nelson to Lomeshaye. Working with Connecting East Lancashire on sign posting around Brierfield Station. Working on a Section 106 scheme in Colne to sign post a route from the housing development at Windermere Avenue. Once established, aim to promote these routes, and others, on Visit Pendle.
	Enhance Pendle's electric charging point infrastructure, subject to funding	Neil Yates	Mar 2023	Spec for the procurement exercise developed and requested quotations from the electrical utilities for the available grid capacity and costs associated

				with the charge point provision. Climate Emergency Capital budget allocated to supporting EV infrastructure
	Promote the canal tow path as a safe cycling and walking route	Tricia Wilson	Mar 2021	Working with Tourism Officer to promote the canal towpath as an easy, safe cycling and walking route through Pendle.
	Ensure all development plans commit to carbon offsetting measures to reduce the overall impact to zero.	John Halton	Mar 2022	Reference made as appropriate in first draft of the Local Plan (Part 2), which is due to be considered by P&R on 26 November
<b>Actions we will take in partnership</b>				
<b>1.4 Support and enable a green transport infrastructure</b>	Develop new cycle ways in conjunction with LCC and in accordance with Pendle's Cycle Legacy Strategy	Tricia Wilson/ LCC	Mar 2023	Working with LCC on their Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS). LCC funding available for sign posting routes in Pendle.
	Increase visibility of cycling in our town centres in conjunction with LCC	Tricia Wilson/ LCC	Mar 2023	Working to improve safe cycling & walking gateways into Nelson.

	<p>Promote and encourage more cycling in Pendle in conjunction with partners</p>	<p>Tricia Wilson/ LCC, PLT, Go Velo and other cycle providers</p>	<p>Mar 2021</p>	<p>Working with LCC and PLT on a signed route from Pendle Leisure Centre/Colne Station to Nelson and Connecting East Lancashire for better connection from Nelson to Brierfield Stations and includes a new route. Pendle Council Comms Team helped to promote Cycle September to council staff and Liberata staff. Cycling advert created for Northern Life Calendar for 2021. Cycling routes promoted for seasonal things to do as major events can't take place this year – link to routes including family friendly routes on the <a href="http://visitpendle.com">visitpendle.com</a> website.</p>
	<p>Support the reopening of the railway between Colne and Skipton and upgrading of EL line</p>	<p>Julie Whittaker/ LCC</p>	<p>Mar 2025</p>	

	Work with public transport operators to enhance accessibility and environmental quality of Pendle's public transport.	Sandra Farnell/ LCC/ Bus operators	Mar 2025	
<b>2.0 Reduce carbon emissions and energy demand from the built environment</b>				
<b>Action Pendle Council will take</b>				
<b>2.1 Heat our buildings with low carbon and/or renewable heating and change behaviours towards energy consumption</b>	Provide information and materials to educate and engage businesses with low carbon sources of heating	Hassan Ditta	Mar 2022	
	Ensure the Council's own estate's energy efficiency is maximised through improved energy management	Bruce Corden	Mar 2021	Achieved carbon reduction in 2019/20 for our building stock
<b>2.2 Encourage energy efficiency standards and improvements and reduce fuel poverty</b>	Ensure low cost technologies such as LED lighting are rolled out across the council estate, including parks and open spaces, as well as included in new developments, to reduce energy use	Bruce Corden	Mar 2021	
	Support private landlords to improve eco-standards and reduce domestic emissions	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2021	CHiL programme operating in Pendle
<b>2.3 Implement compliance in existing core strategy policies for all new development proposals, unless it can be demonstrated that compliance with the policy is not viable or feasible</b>	Develop and implement a Pendle Home Energy programme via CHiL	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2022	Climate Emergency capital funding allocated for home energy programme
	Review effectiveness of existing Policy ENV3 Renewable & Low Carbon Generation and Policy ENV20 in the Part 2 Local Plan (LP) to support delivery of renewable technologies on new developments (Policy ENV20 in the Part 2 Local Plan (LP2) will supplement and update Policy ENV3).	John Halton	Mar 2022	Local Plan (Part 2), including new Policy ENV27 Towards Zero Net Carbon (note change of reference number), is due to be

				considered by P&R on 26 November 2020.
	Showcase PEARL Together Housing Scheme on Harrison Drive as good practice for future housing developments	Julie Whittaker	Mar 2022	Scheme due to start on site in November. Subject to securing European funding, a range of renewable energy measures will be incorporated into the scheme.
	Consider scope for utilising open spaces such as parks for ground source heating system for local houses through the ENV20 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Policy	Kieron Roberts/ John Halton	Mar 2022	New Policy ENV27 Towards Zero Net Carbon addresses ground source heat pumps (para. 3.237). It does not make specific reference to municipal parks, in order to provide flexibility, but the policy notes that proposals should not “compromise the use of an area of ... open space”.. The Local Plan will be

				considered at P&R on 26 November 2020.
	Review effectiveness of planning policies that support the Green Belt and Local Green Spaces	John Halton	Mar 2022	Existing planning policies have been reviewed and updated in Local Plan (Part 2), which is due to be considered by P&R on 26 November 2020
	Actively promote brownfield sites for new developments	John Halton	Mar 2021	A Brownfield first policy is not permissible under the revised National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019). Existing planning policies have been reviewed and updated In Local Plan Part 2. These support the development of sustainable sites and wherever possible promote the re-use of previously developed land. Local Plan (Part 2) is due to be considered by P&R on 26 November 2020.

	Review and audit Council's Draft Local Development Plan and Policies to ensure that they comply with the Climate Emergency and the Council commitment to achieve zero carbon by 2030	John Halton	Mar 2021	Local Plan (Part 2), including new Policy ENV27 Towards Zero Net Carbon, is due to be considered by P&R on 26 November 2020.
<b>3.0 Reduce the harmful impacts of waste and water consumption</b>				
<b>Actions Pendle Council will take</b>				
<b>3.1 Reduce Single Plastic Use in the council and in the community</b>  <b>3.2 Embed environmental practices such as grey water systems in building maintenance programmes</b>	Review Procurement Policy to minimise Single Use Plastics and enhance sustainable procurement	Craig Finn	Mar 2022	
	Encourage Single Use Plastics minimisation amongst Town and Parish Councils	Sarah Lee	Mar 2022	Contamination campaign prepared for Nov to 'recycle it right'
	Support the introduction of community drinking water schemes to minimise plastic bottle consumption	Gill Dickson	Jul 2021	
	Continue to reduce paper consumption and improve use of IT	Jane Watson	Mar 2021	Paper use amongst Councillors and staff significantly reduced due to the pandemic. Use of IT by Councillors and staff improved significantly for remote meetings.
<b>4.0 Supporting our communities to take action</b>				
<b>Actions Pendle Council will take</b>				

<p><b>4.1 Develop a media campaign to encourage community action on climate change</b></p> <p><b>4.2 Identify PBC assets to support community action</b></p> <p><b>4.3 Work with voluntary and community groups to enable collective action on climate change</b></p>	Campaign to encourage residents to improve their environment.	Alice Barnett/ Sarah Lee	Mar 2021	Recycling Q& A live on Facebook May 2020
	Campaign to promote reduce, reuse and recycle messages			Recycling Week in September
	Campaign to promote sustainable food			Garden waste service promoted on social media and via Dotmailer newsletters in April, May and June. Contamination campaign graphics being designed in October for November campaign to recycle it right.
	Utilise the Environmental Action Group (EAG), to enable community groups to manage greenspace to aid and maximise carbon capture	David Walker	Mar 2021	
	Identify PBC land for potential community growing initiatives	Phil Kirby	Mar 2021	
	Support and encourage community climate initiatives	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	The Climate Action Fund- Communities developed. Launch deferred from Nov to Jan 2021
	Promote community switch schemes to transfer energy from fossil fuel to renewable suppliers	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2022	
Actions we will take in partnership				

	Develop a protocol for climate emergency action and policies with Town and Parish Councils	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	
	Encourage Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership to incorporate environmental projects into Pendle's social prescribing programme	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
<b>5.0 Supporting our future generations to find solutions</b>				
<b>Actions Pendle Council will take</b>				
<b>5.1 Work to ensure young people are engaged in solutions.</b>	Build on the Pendle Schools Climate Movement to encourage schools to take collective action	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	The Climate Action Fund for schools developed. Launch deferred from Nov to Jan 2021.
	Develop and implement plan Pendle Schools Climate Movement Communications Plan	Alice Barnett/ Sarah Lee	Jan 2021	
	Refresh Pendle Schools Climate Movement Communications Plan action plan for 2021-22	Alice Barnett/ Sarah Lee	Mar 2021	
	Seek opportunities to creatively engage young people in climate change activities	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
<b>Actions we will take in partnership</b>				
<b>5.2 Work with local schools, Nelson and Colne College and other education bodies to increase understanding and involvement in climate change solutions</b>	Engage with Pendle's Pupil Parliament and N&C College to facilitate further inter school events and activities	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
	Work with Pendle Challenge to raise aspirations and skills of young people	Sarah Astin-Wood	Mar 2021	
<b>6.0 Mainstreaming climate change</b>				
<b>Actions Pendle Council will take</b>				

<b>6.1 Understand our own carbon footprint and review targets for carbon reduction</b>  <b>6.2 Include climate emergency considerations in all key new Council policies and plans</b>	Embed climate change into the Council's Strategic Plan	Gill Dickson	May 2020	Embedded in Strategic Plan
	Calculate and produce annual emissions reports, appointing One Carbon World to establish a carbon footprint baseline	Gill Dickson	Sept 2021	Report produced and findings shared with CEWG
	Work with PLT to reduce their carbon footprint	Gill Dickson	Mar 2021	
	Revise annual carbon reduction targets in line with 2030 carbon neutral target	Gill Dickson	Aug 2021	One Carbon World approached to assist with revising carbon reduction target
	Identify and agree a Climate Emergency budget	Dean Langton	Mar 2020	Budget and programme agreed
	Maintain the council's position opposing fracking	Dean Langton	Mar 2021	
	Lobby Government for policy change	Dean Langton	Mar 2022	
	Work with other Lancashire districts and Town & Parish Councils to enable collective action on climate change	Gill Dickson	Mar 2022	
<b>7.0 Support biodiversity and the natural environment to help local carbon off setting opportunities</b>				
<b>Actions Pendle Council will take</b>				
<b>7.1 Improve land and building management practices to better retain carbon</b>  <b>7.2 Improve opportunities for biodiversity and enhance and</b>	Support the Lancashire Woodland Connect initiative to increase woodland cover on private land	Lee Johnson	Sept 2020	Subscribed to RRT Lancashire Woodland Connect initiative
	Consider opportunities to reduce the use of herbicides for greenspace management	Lee Johnson	Mar 2021	

<p><b>preserve the natural environment</b></p> <p><b>7.3 Invest in tree planting and woodland management</b></p>	Consider opportunities to reduce the use of pesticides for pest management	Paul Lloyd	Mar 2021	
	Strengthen consideration of landscaping schemes in relation to planning applications	Lee Johnson	Mar 2022	Where replacement trees can not be secured on the site then off site provision is being secured through s106.
	Explore the use of deploying differential mowing techniques in suitable areas of our parks	Kieron Roberts/ Keith Higson	Mar 2021	
	Continue to reduce the provision of annual bedding. Where there is a continued need for bedding seek to replace resource heavy annuals with perennial planting schemes	Kieron Roberts/ Keith Higson	Mar 2021	
	Encourage Town Councils to continue the work of re-wilding areas in the parks	Kieron Roberts	Mar 2021	
	Work with a key Pendle landowner to encourage and adopt re-wilding approaches and promote good practice	Lee Johnson	Mar 2022	Discussion held with RRT and invited Town and Parish Councils to submit areas for planting. Once this phase has completed we will look to other organisations and private landowners.
	Explore the opportunities and feasibility for urban greening (e.g. street trees), tree planting and green	Scott Whalley	Mar 2021	

	roofs/walls and promote them through ENV1 Protecting and Enhancing Our Natural Environments			
	Promote local scale offsetting through tree planting and retaining green spaces as a normal function of future planning processes	Lee Johnson/ Neil Watson	Mar 2022	
	Develop and implement the Tree & Woodland Management Strategy	Lee Johnson	Nov 2020	Tree & Woodland Strategy approved by P&R Committee.
	Set annual tree planting targets for PBC and RRT sites	Lee Johnson	Aug 2020	Annual tree planting target agreed by CEWG Sept
	Develop annual tree planting plans in conjunction with RRT	Lee Johnson	Oct 2020	Sites for tree planting have been allocated. The first round of tree planting will be carried out on KGV and Chatburn Park Drive by PBC. RRT looking at Langroyd sites for first areas. SLA developed
	Off set the Council's carbon emissions through local tree planting initiatives	Lee Johnson	Mar 2021	Ongoing. See above.
Actions we will take in partnership				
	Maintain our semi-natural grassland pasture in good order for its soils ability to capture carbon	PHLP	Mar 2023	
	Protect and enhance moors and wetlands, with involvement of community environmental groups	PHLP	Mar 2023	
	Use offsetting practices (e.g. tree planting) as an educational opportunity for local residents and schools about the issues we face and the available solutions	Lancashire Woodland Connect	Mar 2022	

