Reducing emissions across the whole council area:

Reflections on Partnership Work

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The brief:

How councils can bring their partners together to address the issues on an area wide basis

- Who would make up a partnership group?
- How they might be encouraged to work together?
- Prioritising activity?
- Roles and responsibilities?
- Practicalities, issues and barriers?

What you're getting..... Reflections from experience

- Context
- Example/illustrations
- Ramblings, observations and learnings

Context

Why local authorities are vital to tackling climate change

Figure 1: Local authority influence over greenhouse gas emissions in their area

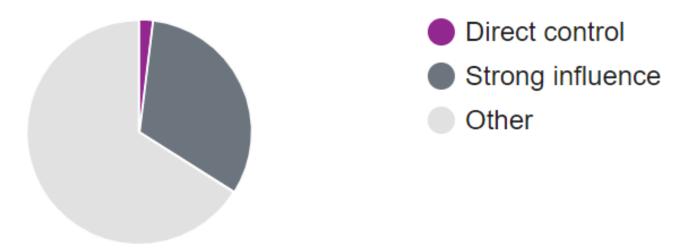
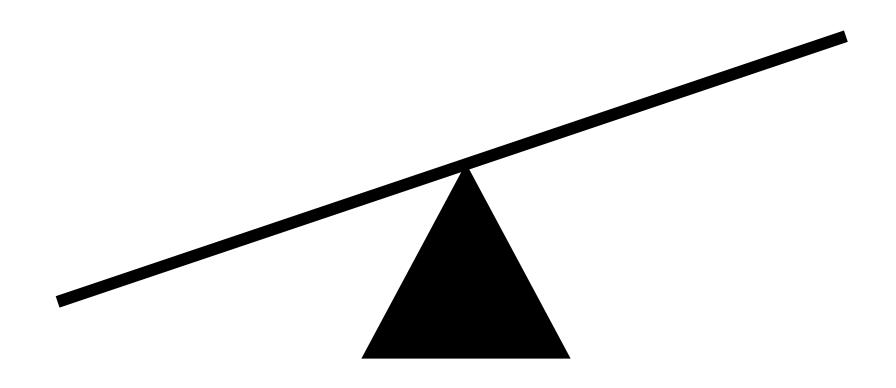


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Have we got the balance right?



Draft structure: Warrington Climate Emergency Action Plan

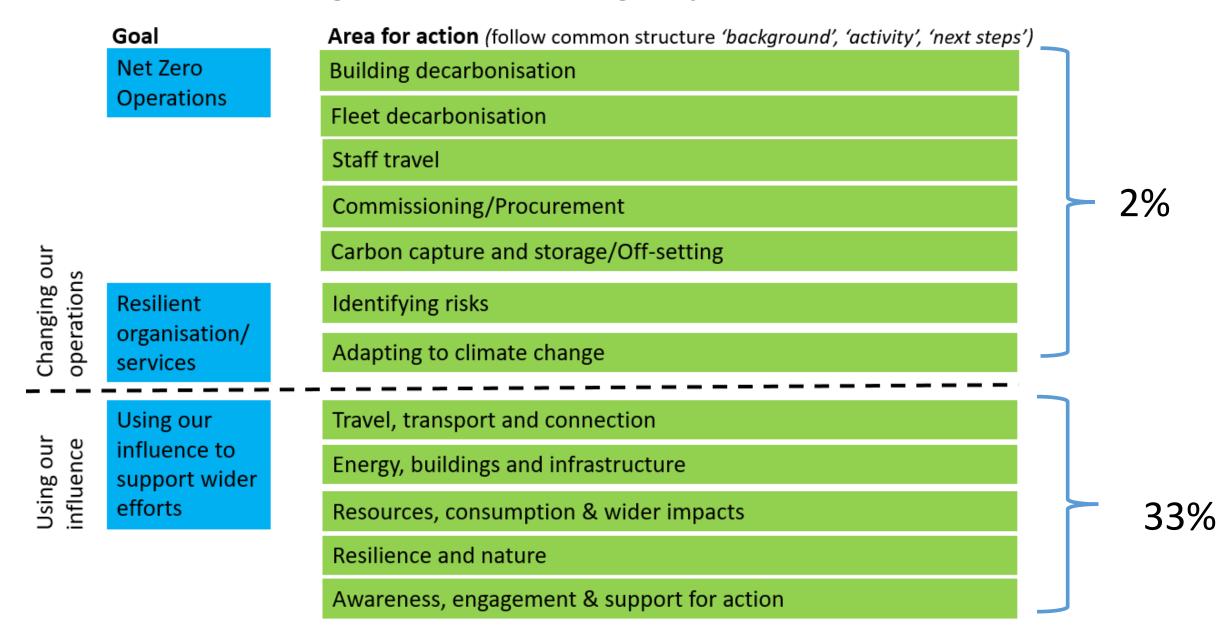


Figure 1.2 How local authorities control and influence emissions

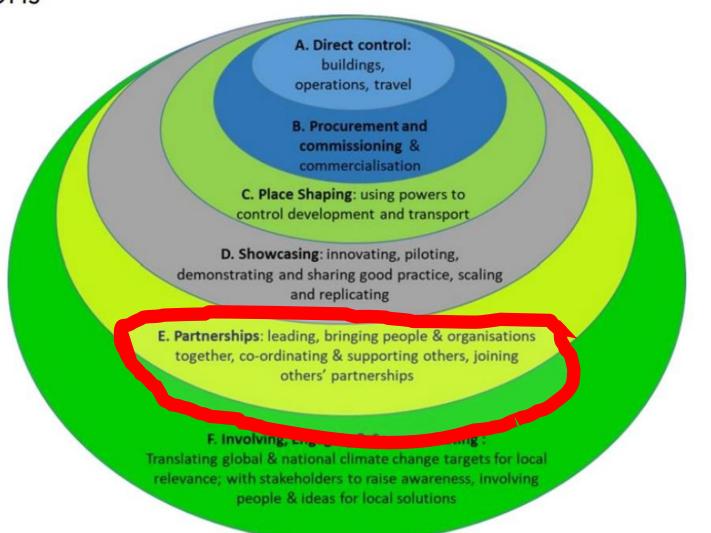


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Climate Change Committee (2020) Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget

https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/local-authorities-and-the-sixth-carbon-budget/

Source: Coxcoon, R. & Roberts, S. (2020) Climate Action Planning Tool for Local Authorities, Centre for Sustainable Energy. https://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/2541

Example

WARRINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMISSION



Set up by the council after it declared a climate emergency:

- To advise the council on its response
- To lead the wider conversation on a borough-wide response

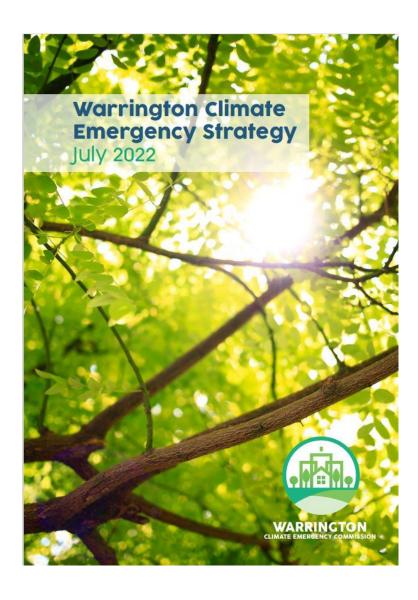
COMPOSITION

Independent advisors



Council representatives

A key output



An invitation to action

 A common 'road map' so we can make a bigger impact together.

Reflections

- Evolving not fixed
- Form and function
- 'Its good to talk' versus 'talking shop'
- Long haul not "switch on and off"
- Blur and focus
- Making it worth everyone's while

Time to open out discussion...

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