Climate Actions for Frontline Services

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What problem are we trying to fix?

Domestic Emissions

International Emissions

UK Greenhouse gas emissions, 1990-2018





2020: 414 MtCO2e

2020: 33,000 MtCO2e



CO2 equivalent emissions (MtCO2e)



What problem are *local authorities* trying to fix?

Wakefield District emissions (2019): 1.7 Mt CO2e

Wakefield Council emissions (2019): 0.035 Mt CO2e

0.4% of UK 0.005% of Global emissions

0.008% of UK emissions 0.0001% of Global emissions

(2% of District emissions)

What problem are *local authorities* trying to fix?



Local Authorities are on the Frontline



Commitments - International and Local Context

2015 - Paris Agreement – 196 countries agree to limit global warming to 2°C, and preferably by 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels.

June 2019 – West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) commitment to achieve Net Carbon Zero region by 2038.



2008 - Climate Change Act – legally
binding target for UK. Updated in
2019 to be net zero by 2050.

May 2019 – Wakefield Council declares a climate emergency and commits to be a net zero organisation by 2030.

A show of hands please...

Who has declared a climate emergency?

Who has set a target to be a carbon neutral / zero organisation?

Who has set a target to be carbon neutral / zero for their district?

Who is 100% confident they will achieve their stated target/s?

Local Authorities are on the Frontline



Local Authority Climate Change Action Plan



Understanding of the Problem





- Scope 1 (25%)
- 8,682 tCO₂e

- Scope 2 (67%)
- 23,692 tCO₂e

- Scope 3 (8%)
- 2,847 tCO₂e

Solving the problem...

Solution Hierarchy:

Avoid
 In all major business decisions, investigate options to eliminate GHG emissions
 Potential exists when organisations change, expand, rationalise or move business
 May lead to a new business model, alternative operation or a new product/service
 Efficient use of energy, vehicles, staff (e.g. energy and fleet management)
 Increased resource efficiency per unit
 Reduced costs and lower total/net energy demand
 Adopt renewables/low-carbon technologies (on site or through vehicle fleet)
 Reduce carbon (GHG) intensity of use
 Through suppliers, purchase goods and services with lower embodied emissions
 Investigate 'green energy' tariffs and high quality carbon offsets
 Develop a strategy to compensate residual or 'unavoidable' emissions
 Consider supporting community projects (i.e. both carbon and CSR benefit)

Themetic Approach:

- Property
- Transport
- e Energy
- Off-setting
- Behaviour / Decisions
- District Role / Leadership

Theme 1: Property:

- Rationalisation of buildings / occupancy.
- Energy efficiency as part of long term maintenance programme.
- Boiler replacement air source / ground source heat pumps / minewater heat (very tricky!!)
- Replacement of 45,000 street lights with LED

Solution	Cost of Solution (£)	Energy Saving (kWh per annum)	Emissions Saving (tCO2e per annum)	Cost Saving (£ per annum)	Simple Payback (Yrs)
Cooling Optimisation	69,000	69,364	14	2,081	33.16
Basic Time PIR Controls Water Heater	36,750	97,785	30	12,223	3.01
Hotwater Optimisation	117,000	227,358	46	6,821	17.15
BMS & Controls	290,000	271,051	55	8,132	35.66
Cooling Thermal Transfer	297,487	490,474	151	61,309	4.85
VSD	509,000	528,530	162	66,066	7.70
Smart TRV solution	39,600	917,196	187	27,516	1.44
Heating Thermal Transfer	106,068	1,601,933	327	48,058	2.21
Valve Insulation	824,000	1,929,918	394	57,898	14.23
Boiler Optimisation	511,500	1,314,574	404	164,322	3.11
Behaviour Management	3,137	892,502	365	26,775	0.12
Cavity/ Solid Wall Insulation	631,736	2,402,899	491	72,087	8.76
Roof Insulation	9,411	2,402,899	491	72,087	0.13
Building LED Lighting	5,080,865	3,280,943	1,008	410,118	12.39
Street Lighting LED	21,000,000	15,136,283	4,650	1,892,035	11.10
Total	29,525,554	31,563,706	8,777	2,927,527	10.09



Theme 2: Transport

- 439 fleet vehicles /144 items of plant
- 2 million fleet miles / year (3.3kt CO2e)
- Grey fleet: 2,300 cars / 2.15m miles (566t CO2e)
- Reduce the fleet operations
- Reduce mileage (Remote / Digital working)
- Replace with zero / low emission alternative.
- All our vehicles are capable of moving to electric
- Replacement Cost / Infrastructure??
- Whole life costing fuel / maintenance car mileage savings



Theme 3: Energy

- The "Big Ticket" Item
- 2 x solar farms circa 36MW renewable energy
- Using our land to build / enter into partnership
- REGO certification
- Feasibility Study / Commercial Model (PPA / Sleeving etc)
- Capex circa £40 £50m
- Plus rooftop / stand-alone solar with private wire
- Plus Energy from Waste (anaerobic digestion)





Theme 4: Carbon Off-setting

- Carbon Sequestration
- Tree Planting (Northern Forest / White Rose Forest)
- Don't forget to certify!! Carbon Credits – e.g. Woodland Carbon Code
- Other Carbon off-setting schemes
- Peat restoration
- Flood alleviation
- Nature Recovery / Biodiversity
- Community Engagement

Woodland Carbon Code

ements for voluntary carbon sequestration projects



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Wakefield's Woodland Creation

We are planting 2.6 million trees – and you can help!



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We've set an ambitious target to help reforest Wakefield.

Together with Wakefield Tree Wardens, Woodland Trust, Yorkshire Water, Engle and others we aim to plant more than 1,300 hectares of land with trees between 2020 and 2050 to connect communities with nature, create new habitats for wildlife and help our district adapt to climate change. The Council

Theme 5 – Behaviour Change & Decision-making

- Climate Change embedded into decision making processes
- Corporate planning / prioritisation and polices.
- Financial decisions "Value" (natural / social capital)
- Staff awareness / training
- Member awareness and buy-in.
- Empower individuals to make changes



Carbon Literacy Training Organisation





Theme 6 – District Action

- Policy Decisions / Plan Making
- Sustainable Procurement / Supply Chain
- Infrastructure: Transport / Highways /EV Charging / Buildings
- Flood Risk Management
- Operations
- Social Media / Comms
- Stakeholders: Public Sector / Voluntary & Community / Housing / Business/Industry / Transport
- Regional / Joined-up thinking



What we do makes a difference...















