

# Warrington Climate Emergency Commission

Teams Meeting – Monday 4 July 2022, 2-4pm



## Organisations Represented:

- Warrington Borough Council
- Warrington Youth Voice
- Business Declares
- Warrington & Co
- Warrington Community Energy

## Items Discussed on the Agenda:

- Chair welcomed Cllr Janet Henshaw to the Commission; the newly appointed cabinet member responsible for Climate Change & Sustainability
- Agreement and launch of climate emergency strategy
  - Final draft of the strategy was shared with the group and additions were discussed including a foreword, glossary, table of contents and inclusion of comments from several external organisations
  - The climate strategy was agreed subject to minor revisions and additions
  - Council communications officers agreed to prepare a designed version of the strategy for the commission to launch publicly
  - It was agreed to develop a launch programme to communicate the strategy to different audiences
  - Council officers agreed to aim to take a report to cabinet in September to offer an update on climate work and introduce the strategy from the commission
- Review of commission membership in context of new strategy
  - In light of the new strategy it was agreed to review the membership of the Commission and identify and fill any gaps in representation to cover the themes of the strategy
  - Through discussions to refine the content of the strategy, several organisations have expressed willingness to support the work of the Commission
  - It was agreed to review and update Terms of Reference in light of the new strategy and reconsider representation
- Communications update
  - An update on council climate related communications work was given
  - Messaging has been focused on important energy saving tips in the context of the cost of living crisis
  - A campaign for Clean Air Day in June had been progressed
  - The strategy launch will become the focus for communications work
- Council updates

- The trial Low Traffic Neighbourhood in Westy has begun – traffic flows, journey times and air quality is being monitored, Orford scheme has been delayed
- Updated guidance for Local Transport Plan's is incoming so updates to 2019 LTP4 are expected including analysis of carbon emissions
- The council's Electric Vehicle (EV) strategy is being finalised and will be adopted soon
- The council are holding an EV awareness staff event in collaboration with Energy Savings Trust to inform officers considering getting a new vehicle on the benefits of EV's and the council's EV car lease scheme
- The council are piloting an in-house Carbon Literacy training course with a group of internal climate champions, for anticipated launch in Autumn

**Main Actions:**

- A final version of the climate strategy was agreed
- A designed version is to be prepared
- A report to introduce the strategy to the council's cabinet is to be prepared aiming for September cabinet meeting
- All to review the Commission's Terms of Reference in light of the new strategy and identify gaps in representation
- A launch programme for the strategy is to be prepared and opportunities for engagement are to be identified by members of the Commission

**Next Meeting:** 5 September 2022 2-4pm (*later rescheduled to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2:00-4:00pm*)