

# Warrington Climate Emergency Commission

Teams Meeting – Monday 26 September 2022, 2-4pm



## Organisations Represented:

- Warrington Borough Council
- Business Declares
- Warrington Chamber of Commerce

## Items Discussed on the Agenda:

- Update on council electric vehicle charging
  - Council EV strategy due to go to cabinet in December 2022 following consultation earlier this year
  - Overview given on current EV charging infrastructure and proposed new schemes, including Forge Car Park Stockton Heath
  - Monthly CO<sub>2</sub> savings from Time Sqr and Warrington West chargers 21 tonnes.
  - Council is one of 9 UK councils awarded LEVI pilot funding to install up to 200 chargers across Borough. A mix of on-street residential and 4 charging hubs
  - WBC EV/hybrid salary sacrifice scheme has encouraged uptake of EV's
  - EV Car Club scheme launched in April 2022 has been successful so far
- Business Declares Update
  - Business Declares is made up of 110 businesses representing range of sectors
  - Large survey of members returned valuable information on business responses to climate change, a short summary was given at the meeting
  - 90% businesses are measuring scope 1 and 2 emissions, with scope 3 proving much more difficult
  - Businesses are taking a variety of steps to mitigate their impact on both carbon emissions and biodiversity loss
  - Generally, businesses need support in action planning and strategy writing as well as tackling scope 3 emissions
  - More detailed summary to be given at future meeting
- Launching Warrington Climate Emergency Strategy
  - The strategy has now been published on the commission's website
  - Commission are hosting a drop-in event in Golden Square on 29<sup>th</sup> September to publicise the strategy and begin series of launch events. Commissioners will be there to talk about the strategy, distribute leaflets and gather pledges from members of the public
  - Commission are due to attend the upcoming annual Business Conference in Time Sqr on 14<sup>th</sup> October
  - Other events have also been identified where the commission will engage with different audiences on strategy content

- Council's cabinet report is now due to go to October meeting due to national mourning period, this will provide an update on climate work and introduce the commission's strategy
- The commission agreed to form a task group to establish way forward on wider outreach networks through which to encourage action in support of the strategy
- Review and update of commission membership and terms of reference
  - In light of new strategy, commission reconsidered their role and membership of the group
  - An updated draft terms of reference was prepared and shared with commissioners
  - It was identified that there is currently no representation for the nature recovery and biodiversity elements of the strategy
  - It was agreed to invite a representative from Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England to join the commission, both had fed into the strategy's development
  - Commissioner's also identified a lack of representation for the third sector. It was therefore agreed to invite a representative from Warrington Voluntary Action

**Main Actions:**

- Commissioners to attend and promote strategy drop-in event at Golden Square on 29<sup>th</sup> September
- All to review the commission's draft updated terms of reference in light of the new strategy
- Commission to form a task group to establish way forward on wider outreach networks
- Council's cabinet report to introduce the commission's strategy is to go to October cabinet meeting
- To invite representatives from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England and Warrington Voluntary Action to join the commission

**Next Meeting:** 7 November 2022 2-4pm