

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 CO₂ 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 29th 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 14th 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 29th 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