

*An independent advisory body to bring actors from the public, private and third sectors together to support and guide ambitious climate actions across all parts of Kirklees.*

## Minutes

Kirklees Climate Commission (KCC) – Full Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 10am-12:30pm, via Teams

### 1. Welcome and introductions

A full list of attendees is appended (see Appendix 1).

Apologies were received from: Stephen Moore (SM), Lisa Woods (LW), Jennifer Hirst (JH), Kiran Bali (KB), Kath Shackleton (KS), Alistair Branch (AB)

### 2. Minutes from previous meeting

Members agreed that the minutes from the previous meeting (19/11/21) were an accurate account of events.

***ACTION: Secretariat to upload agreed final version of minutes to website.***

### 3. Matters Arising

**Matters Arising from Previous Meeting** *(not otherwise covered in the agenda)*

#### **i) Update on A629 Halifax Road Phase 5 Project – Prof. John Allport**

Key points:

Prof. John Allport (JA) & Gideon Richards (GR) stated that yet there is no update on the final report.

#### **ii) Landfill Sites Enquiry – Response provided by Martin Wood**

Key points:

Response to be provided by Martin Wood (MW) directly after this meeting

***ACTION: KA and MW to provide response regarding the landfill sites enquiry immediately after this meeting.***

#### **4. A Net-Zero Carbon Roadmap for Kirklees: Final Draft Report**

Professor Peter Roberts (PR) talked through slides on the report and its implications. He also noted that the slides provide a summary.

Presentation slides from this item are appended (see Appendix 2).

##### **Discussion summary:**

- Commissioners highlighted a need for clarification on the report's evidence-base (datasets) and its recommended actions, within the Kirklees context.
- Queries were also raised on:
  - University of Leeds data sets used,
  - The report's findings and conclusions
  - Whether the report would enable KCC to challenge and engage sectors and partners to ensure effective action on climate change and space for nature.
- Commissioners stated that the appendices of the report are helpful, highlighting that it is clear that improving domestic insulation, improving energy efficiency in industry, tree planting, reducing travel and using public transport as an alternative to travel by private car will all have an impact. These actions can also have co-benefits that address social justice and economic development concerns too. Discussed that KCC could take these high-level actions from the report to inform a more detailed plan with indicators of progress.
- Commissioners also highlighted the implication on resources/funding that are associated with actions highlighted in the report.
- PR reiterated the importance of considering this report as a 'mini-Stern', evidence-base document, not a policy document. A policy (or strategy) is something KCC needs to develop based on the technical guidance given in the report. There should be a focus on progressing the actions outlined within the report, whilst ensuring that they are a good fit for Kirklees.
- Cllr Will Simpson (WS) provided further clarification that the report is a carbon-based economic options appraisal and that it needs to be considered as part of an evidence base of how Kirklees can work towards net zero. Highlighted that this is reflected in the current title, "A Net-Zero Carbon Roadmap for Kirklees: A Technical and Economic Options Appraisal".
- PR asked that all the sub-groups have a look at the report and email any final comments to the secretariat within the next two weeks.
- PR highlighted the importance for the Commission have to a workstream about skills, training, and capacity.
- Commissioners discussed the energy climate rating for Kirklees.

***ACTION: Commissioners to provide any final comments to Secretariat about the final draft within the next two weeks.***

***ACTION: PR to feedback these comments to the University of Leeds team and to request that any further available information about the data used within the report is provided.***

## **5. Draft Commission Work Programme & Matrix**

PR summarised the outcome of the workshop in January 2022. KCC has identified 6 key priority areas which will guide its work programme over the following year. Commissioners have received a copy of the draft programme prior to the meeting. A final version will be shared on the KCC website.

### Key points:

- PR clarified that innovation and best practice will become key areas of work for all the groups. The matrix outlines the key areas of work that were discussed within the workshop meetings for each sub-group. Each sub-group will need to add any additional work that they are doing to the matrix.
- Commissioners noted the importance of communication and engagement as an integral part of every sub-group's work and that the matrix has reflected this.
- It was discussed that KCC's work needs to be communicated widely and disseminated to communities.
- The Commissioners agreed that the work programme and matrix are an effective working document which they can work from and add to.

***ACTION: Sub-groups to fill out the rest of the matrix with the work that they are doing and make any corrections as needed.***

***ACTION: As requested by Chris Herring (CH), Secretariat is to amend the term 'Eco buildings' and replace this with 'energy efficient buildings'.***

## **6. Resources, Legal Status & Governance**

### a. Resources

- PR referred to separate discussions with senior Council officers and the University of Huddersfield regarding the resource base of KCC. The University is keen to offer itself as hub for KCC.
- PR highlighted the importance of having a financial perspective for at least 2 (preferably 3 years) and that ought to be built into the budget. This would be mean that KCC has capital (monetary) resource, as well as a technical professional and administrative resource element.
- WS highlighted that the council are currently providing resource for KCC.

### b. Legal Status

- PR initiated a discussion on the possible options for creating the legal status of KCC
- Options highlighted were:
  1. Community Interest Company (CIC) which would give legal status and cover the issues of liability and indemnity.
  2. Independent non-profit organisation governed by the Charity Commission which can limit the liability of trustees.
- Commissioners discussed the advantages and disadvantages of both options, and it was suggested that initially it might be quicker to register as a CIC and then to later

change this to an independent non- profit organisation. PR suggested putting a costing proposal together for this so that it can be appraised.

c. Governance

- PR initiated a discussion around setting up a management/development group.
- The group would enable KCC to move forward with proposals and then report back to the wider KCC membership.
- Noted that this could help prior to KCC having a formal legal status.

***ACTION: PR to establish a management/development group.***

**7. Sub-group Co-optees**

- PR requested all the sub-groups send a list of their members, and co-optees to the secretariat.
- KA explained that the Council's co-optees are being finalised and agreed for each of the sub-groups. These are officers who have been selected as they will add value through their technical expertise, alongside their perspective as Council representatives.

***ACTION: All sub-groups to send a list of their members, including co-optees to the secretariat.***

***ACTION: KA to discuss the Council co-optees with respective sub-group chairs.***

**8. Sub-group updates**

**a. Movement & Transport**

JA provided an update.

Key points:

- Sub-group is looking at hydrogen internal combustion engines.
- Potential for a specialist hub in hydrogen vehicles in the district
- Ongoing with low carbon transport and development.

**b. Buildings & Homes**

CH provided an update.

Key points:

- The group have identified key areas of focus from the workshop session:
  - Hold an event(s) for building developers to raise awareness and share information on energy efficiency and eco-builds
  - Work in partnership with Kirklees College and the University of Huddersfield to identify opportunities for upskilling across the construction industry, including domestic retrofit & heat pump installation.
  - Develop sub-group membership to include industry experts and interested parties.

- Collate and share case studies of best practice and innovative projects on the KCC website.
- Guidance for the planning system
- Complete a sector readiness assessment.

### **c. Business & Economic Activity**

Bill Macbeth (BM) provided an update.

#### Key points:

- Attended the Sustainable Huddersfield Business and Manufacturing group and Kirklees Climate Commission Business and Economic group meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January (help businesses in Kirklees adapt to the requirements of Climate Change)
- Kirklees Council and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority/Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership are running an event on “How to make your business greener” on 16<sup>th</sup> February at John Smith Stadium.
- BM suggested that this would be good for all the Commissioners to attend and has been invited to be a member of the panel. BM will be doing a short presentation about the work of KCC.
- The event will consist of a network of people from our group, and solutions providers who will be around to talk to companies about things such as helping with an energy audit, vulnerability audit, or if they need a grant to get LED lights installed.
- Signposted that an invitation to tender from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on a commission to research SME understanding and engagement of the net zero agenda. The deadline for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- BM is developing a project to begin in April 2022 to December 2022 to work with companies to help them develop their own sustainability strategies. The 8-month programme will provide a series of monthly sessions. There will be 10 textile and fashion companies taking part.
- Looking at applying to the Community Renewal Fund for help from the Green Enterprise Foundation to help local business start-ups in Kirklees.

### **d. Nature & the Countryside**

Tony Newham (TN) provided an update.

#### Key points:

Group has identified a 3 key areas:

1. Effective liaison with Kirklees Council
2. Have effective communication in the community, to act as a voice and advocate with regards to raising awareness. TN is currently working on a presentation and will share this once complete.
3. Network more and understand which other interest groups are operational in our area and see what they are doing. Also look to help rural organisations with their zero carbon roadmaps and encourage and help them in a gentle, cautious, and respectful way.

- Next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022, with 2 representatives from the National Trust going joining, one of which is going to be a permanent co-optee.

#### **e. Young People**

Daniel Bedford (DB) provided an update.

##### Key points:

- The group will be talking to Prof. Adrian Pitt about the skills and areas of engagement currently taking place at the University of Huddersfield so that they can link this with the current activities at the College.
- DB confirmed he will be attending the Greener Business event on 16<sup>th</sup> February.
- DB requested information from PR about his work in Belfast regarding the structure of the Academy that was set up for retrofit.

#### **f. Energy**

Gideon Richards (GR) provided an update.

##### Key points:

- Sub-group have not had a meeting yet.
- GR working on a survey for businesses and industry, but also wants to expand this to the social sector as well. This will be a good evidence base for energy.
- It would be useful to work out how to share the data from the Council.
- Meeting will be set up soon and will do a doodle poll early next week.

#### **g. Communication & Engagement**

Tom Taylor (TT) provided an update.

##### Key points:

- Meeting with TT and KS
  - Put forward a proposal:
    - As per Item 6 (c) – a management/development sub-group could take responsibility for some of KCC's professional communications material
- Focus of this sub-group to shift to focus on community engagement.

### **9. Next Meeting Dates & Call for Venue Offers**

Meeting date forward plan:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 10:00 – 12:30 - Slaithwaite Community Centre

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 11:00 – 13:30

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, 10:00 – 12:30

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 10:00 – 12:30

## **10. Any other business**

### **a. West Yorkshire Flood Innovation Programme (WY FLIP )**

- Signpost to opportunity to be involved in workshops - <https://icasp.org.uk/2022/02/03/unusual-suspects-urged-to-join-flagship-programme-to-reduce-flood-risk-across-the-region/>
- WS discussed that the landscapes for water programme is part of the White Rose Forest, and a lot of that work is about mitigating flood risk.

### **a. 'How To Make Your Business Greener' – 16/2/22, 10.00 - 12.00**

- Hosted by WYCA/Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership at John Smith's Stadium.
- BM is presenting at this event and requires a Commission-based presentation or information to be sent for him prior to the event.
- More info on event: [How To Make Your Business Greener Tickets, Wed 16 Feb 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

***ACTION: GR and KR to send presentations about the Commission to BM***

## **Appendix 1 – Attendees**

**Chair** Professor Peter Roberts (PR)

**Vice Chair** Cllr Will Simpson (WS) (Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees)

**Kirklees Council Senior Officer Nominee** - Katherine Armitage (KA) (Service Director of Environmental Strategy & Climate Change)

### **Commissioners**

Abdul Ravat (AR)– Abbeyfield Society

Bill Macbeth (BM) - Textile Centre of Excellence, Huddersfield

Chris Herring (CH) – Green Building Store & UK Passivhaus Trust

Daniel Bedford (DB) – Kirklees College

Gideon Richards (GR) – Consulting with Purpose

Jimmy Dickinson (JD) – Longley Farm

Karen Hill (KH)– Independent

Kathy Scott (KScott) – Yorkshire & Humber Academic Health Science Network

Professor John Allport (JA) – University of Huddersfield

Stuart Sugarman (SS) – Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust

Tom Taylor (TT) – TSL (Third Sectors Leaders) Kirklees

Tony Newham (TN) – Key Commercial Finance Solutions

### **Guest Attendees**

Martin Wood (MW) – Kirklees Council (Head of Public Protection)

### **Secretariat**

Bonni Jee (BJ)

Karen Rispin (KR)

Shaun Berry (SB)

John Atkinson (JAtk)



## Appendix 2 – Net Zero Roadmap Presentation



### **A Net-Zero Carbon Roadmap for Kirklees**

Kirklees Climate Commission Meeting

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### **Background**



The Place-Based Climate Action Network (PCAN), based at the University of Leeds, were commissioned to produce a Net-Zero Carbon Roadmap for the Commission and its partners.

The approach has previously been applied in a numerous boroughs across the UK (recently for Leeds, Belfast, Edinburgh, York, Surrey, Cambridgeshire) and for multiple cities internationally.

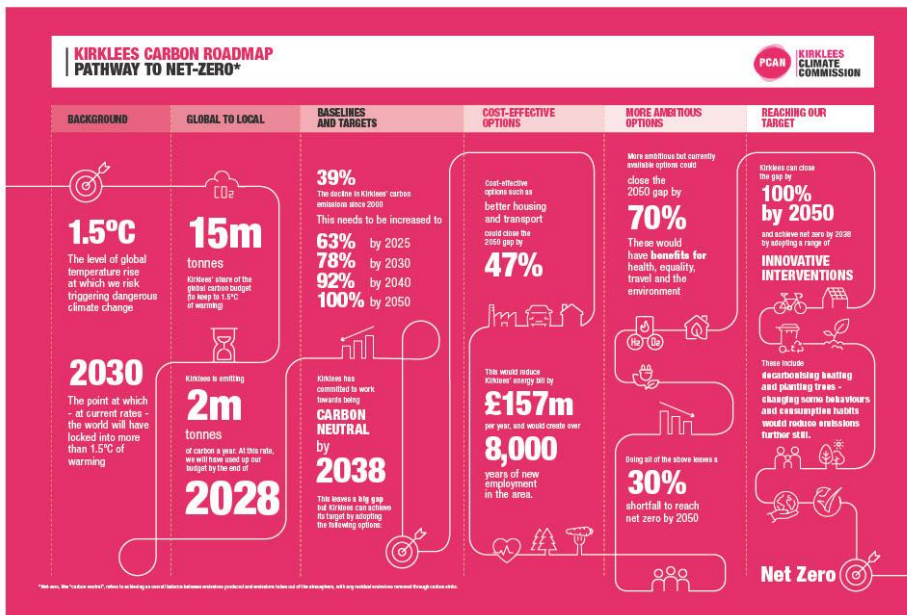
## Report Purpose



It's an **evidence-based document**, not an action plan.

It outlines the **scale of the challenge** in achieving emission targets for the **district as a whole**.

It will **aid decision making** and inform the work and focus areas of the Kirklees Climate Commission.



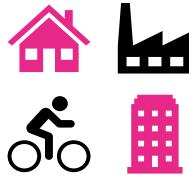
## Targets, Investment & Sectors



This is an academic assessment that outlines the district-wide **carbon reduction** and **economic investment** required to achieve **Kirklees' 2038** net-zero target, the **UK's 2050** net-zero target and Kirklees' share of the **global 1.5°C carbon budget**.

The sectors covered are:

- Domestic Buildings
- Public & Commercial Buildings
- Industry
- Transport



## Carbon Reduction Measures



It provides a suite of high-level **generic mitigation measures** per sector, their **carbon impact** and the district-wide **investment needed** to implement them.

Responses are split into:

- **Cost-effective:** Options that would more than pay for themselves through energy savings cost reductions.
- **More Ambitious:** Technically available, but not all options would pay for themselves directly. *(Further divided into Cost-Neutral and Technical Potential)*

Cost-effective options such as better housing and transport could close the 2050 gap by

**47%**

More ambitious but currently available options could close the 2050 gap by

**70%**

## **What does the report mean for the Commission?**