



Full Commission Meeting
Friday 10th June 2022 - 11:00 AM
University of Huddersfield & MS Teams

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

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

Apologies were received from: Karen Hill (KH), Kathy Scott (KS), Cllr Will Simpson (WS).

Welcome and thanks to Emi Chiu (EC) and her colleagues at the University of Huddersfield for hosting the meeting.

The KCC would like to thank Daniel Bedford for his contributions to the commission thus far and bid him farewell.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Professor Peter Roberts (PR) asked attendees to consider the minutes of the previous KCC meeting (08/04/22).

Professor John Allport (JA) raised correction for p.6 – The University is in the process of making an application for this year's Earth Shot prize.

Members agreed no further corrections were required and that the minutes were an accurate account of events.

Updates from previous minutes –

Update on MPs responses page 9:

- PR provided an update on the letters received from MPs in response to request for parliamentary questions requesting an exemption scheme for community-based hydro - electric projects.
- PR has received positive responses so far from Kim Leadbeater MP (Batley & Spen), whose Senior Assistant has contacted the Environment Agency directly about this. Jason McCartney MP (Colne Valley) was keen for any constituents to contact him directly about this. PR asked if Commissioners in this constituency could reach out to him about this.

Katherine Armitage (KA) provided an update on the Fairtrade status of Kirklees Council. On the Fairtrade and organisation's website, Kirklees Council have had Fairtrade status since 2011. However, on further investigation some links on the website are no longer active. KA has requested further information about this and will provide update when this has been received.

ACTION: Secretariat to make correction and upload with correction agreed final version of minutes to website.

ACTION: Commissioners who live in the Colne Valley constituency to contact Jason McCartney MP regarding the issue of the license fee for the hydro-power schemes.

ACTION: KA to provide further update on Kirklees Council's Fairtrade status.

Minutes from previous meetings are available on the KCC website:

<https://www.kirkleesclimate.org.uk/meeting-agendas-notes>

3. Sub-group updates

PR invited each of the sub-groups to provide an update to the wider Commission on recent activities.

a. Movement & Transport

Professor John Allport (JA) led the update.

Key points:

- Dr Alexandros Nikitas is the new chair of the group. He is the Founding Director of the Future Mobility Lab, a new sustainable transport and smart mobility research initiative.
- Currently working on a project with the University for a prototype on lightweight individual transport, also currently in talks with West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) regarding this.
- The revised carbon impact assessment for the A629 has now been completed and the group will look at this and provide further feedback.
- PR noted that it is important for the Council to be engaged in any feedback to the consultants.

ACTION: Movement and Transport to provide feedback on the revised carbon impact assessment for the A629 Halifax Road scheme for the next KCC meeting.

b. Buildings & Homes

Chris Herring (CH) led the update.

Key points:

- The group currently has had 2 meetings since the last KCC meeting. At the last meeting there were 3 new members: Richard Stirling (Head of Land and Development at Wilmott

Dixon), Thomas Fish (Strategic Partnership Lead for Housing Growth, Kirklees Council) and Mathias Franklin (Head of Planning & Development, Kirklees Council). There are now 11 members in total.

- The group have worked on four key areas of focus:
 - 1) Development of a best practice template – a draft has been completed and this will be discussed further at the next sub-group meeting.
 - 2) Hold an event(s) for building developers to raise awareness and share information on energy efficiency and eco-builds – Drafts have now been written for the residential new build and retrofit programmes.
 - 3) Skills development – the group are collaborating with Commissioner Daniel Bedford (Kirklees College) and Professor Adrian Pitts (University of Huddersfield).
 - 4) Development of a readiness report – the preparation for this will take some time and will need stakeholder involvement.

- At the last meeting we decided that we need to review an effective way going forward of collaborating with Council officers and looking at what might be a suitable programme.
- The group has been slow in many ways, and this is due to lack of time and resources, as the majority are full time professionals.
- A relationship has been built with the Energy and Waste sub-group and also discussions with Karen Hill (KH) from the Nature and Countryside sub-group.
- CH thanked DB for his work on the KCC and wished him well in his new role.
- PR noted that he is looking forward to seeing these initiatives come to fruition and this could lead to generic guidance for public, private and voluntary organisations.

ACTION: CH to circulate the brief for prospective members to the wider Commission.

c. Business & Economic Activity

Bill Macbeth (BM) provided an update.

Key points:

- Sustainability Strategy Programme
 - The 8-month programme to help companies develop their own sustainability strategies started last month and will provide a series of monthly sessions. The programme will provide a series of monthly sessions facilitated by Mark Wade alongside learning content from the IMD in Lusanne, Switzerland. There are ten textile and fashion companies taking part and this finishes in December. Delegates are currently going through six weeks of input from the IMD in Lusanne Switzerland. BM raised £95,000 to fund this programme.

- Apprenticeship
 - University of Coventry are offering a new apprenticeship (Level 7) - Sustainable Business Specialist Integrated Apprenticeship (MSc).
 - This is for people already employed at a senior level as sustainability specialists.
 - Coventry University have stated that if BM can get a cohort of 30 people together this can then be delivered locally and held at the Textile Centre of Excellence.
 - BM had a meeting with a representative from the Council to discuss the opportunity. This covered where to source the cohort members from. Hoping to get a Q and A session with Coventry faculty at the start of next term.

- Proposal from Towns Fund
 - Industry 4.0 Hub is now in the process of being developed.
 - The University of Huddersfield and the Textile Centre of Excellence are also in partnership with this.
 - This will be signed off hopefully at the end of next month and then work will start.

- Made Smarter Yorkshire and Humber – Stage 2
 - The tender opportunity has still not been published for this as the government has not informed the Combined Authority of how much money is available for this. These funds are to assist companies in mastering digital technology to help with sustainability issues. An update has been requested from Andrew Wright the Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

- Shared Prosperity Fund
 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund slides are appended (see Appendix 2 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Slides).
 - BM attended a meeting on Tuesday led by the Combined Authority and has highlighted the following points:
 - £2.6 bn of new funding for local investment by March 2025, as part of a suite of complementary Levelling Up funding.
 - Three Investment Priorities/Pillars: Communities and Place, Local Business; and People and Skills
 - 'UKSPF investments will need to demonstrate their contribution to net zero and nature recovery objectives'.
 - Local partners will be expected to support the Lead Authority to develop the Local Investment Plan working with Local Authorities. These plans are expected to be submitted by the end of July 2022.
 - MPs will be closely engaged in the design and delivery of the fund and expected to join a local partnership group.

Discussion points:

- The idea of low carbon development could fit under the pillar of supporting local businesses.
- BM queried: Is the KCC going to have an opportunity to work with Kirklees Council, to have a meaningful contribution and influence the investment plan. Is anything planned for a consultation?
- BM suggested that we need a common agenda with some relevant deliverable initiatives so that KCC could meet with PR, Jacqui Gedman (Chief Executive, Kirklees Council) and Barry Sheerman MP (Huddersfield). This would need to happen very quickly due to the timescales.
- Gideon Richards (GR) has spoken with Kim Leadbeater MP (Batley & Spen), and she was fully supportive of the work of the KCC and advised anything that she can do to help to get in touch.
- Abdul Ravat (AR) has been looking at the devolved programme funding via the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership received funding as part of the decarbonisation programme. More of this funding needs to be used on existing stock as well as new demands. Housing Associations need to meet the needs of their customers first by being a good landlord.

ACTION: KA to request Council colleagues to follow up with BM directly regarding Shared Prosperity Fund.

d. Nature & the Countryside

Tony Newham (TN) led the update.

Key points:

- The group is going to try and focus on one initiative that is going to make a significant difference rather than focusing on lots of small projects.
- This project will be working with WYCA and the Council to promote carbon offsetting through upland peat bog restoration.
- The impact of restoring upland peat bogs is twenty times more effective than planting trees.
- The group have had a meeting with Joe Robertson (Woodland Development Manager) and Emma Mills (Principal Landscape Architect) from Kirklees Council.
- From these meetings a great deal was learned about what Kirklees Council and WYCA are responsible for and are working on.
- WYCA have had some advanced discussions on carbon offsetting. One thing that came out of these discussions was a lack of knowledge of the impact that their policies and actions are having at present on carbon emissions.
- Kirklees Council did not have information about what carbon has been sequestered up to date and what would be sequestered going forward. There are no baselines or method of monitoring this.

- The group recommends that Kirklees Council need to put something in place to get some baseline assessments.
- The group raised concern about the speed of decision making within Kirklees Council.
- The upland peat bogs restoration looks to be really effective.
- About Biodiversity Net Gain Credits Proposal:
 - Payments that are made to Kirklees Council from developers could go into a local nature project which partly aims to sequester carbon. This could be an upland peat bog. WYCA are looking at this too.
 - As of yet, Kirklees Council have not had any money from this source and the payments only fall due from developers once they have built the very last house on a development scheme.

Further discussion points:

- TN requested that Adrian Barraclough (AB) is invited to the Kirklees Council CCAP Workshop.
- GR stated that there are new standards out regarding biodiversity net gain credits.
- The carbon credits value could be as much as £10,000 per biodiversity unit, but this is yet to be confirmed.
- AB has put in funding with GR and the University of Huddersfield for nature recovery using UKRI funding.
- Kath Shackleton (KS) highlighted information about a group that she was made aware of called 'Angry Teenagers'. This group focus on campaigns to reforest parts of the world where nature has been destroyed.

ACTION: Secretariat to arrange an invite for Adrian Barraclough to the CCAP Workshop on 20th June 2022.

e. Young People

Daniel Bedford (DB) provided an update:

- The green agenda and technologies that we are moving forward will be ready for September, regarding electric vehicle charging installations, air source heat pump facilities. Work on the external wall rendering training facilities has been completed.
- Kirklees college have put in a bid for an electric vehicle endpoint assessment training at the engineering centre.
- We will be organising another meeting with schools.

Lisa Woods (LW) provided an update:

- LW and a group of learners will be attending the Youth Climate Festival on 13th October 2022. The Upper Batley High School will be putting together a presentation with a promotional video with pictures of what local schools have done.
- LW and a group of learners will be attending Denby Dale's Eco-Schools conference on the 24th of June 2022 and will be trying to recruit more learners for the Youth Panel.

- LW has been investigating different funding options. There are issues regarding the legal status of the Youth Panel. If they are a charity, they can access funding for schools relating to climate change. However, if they are not regarded as a charity and classed as a school, they cannot access funding.
- Schools are trying to access funds directly with local businesses.
- Batley Trust were accepted for the Jubilee Trees which have now been planted.
- LW is going to be the Environmental Officer for Batley Trust and will develop the Environmental Policies, and these can be relayed out via the Youth Panel.
- Next Youth Panel meeting will be arranged after GCSE exams.

Further discussion:

- Tom Taylor (TT) requested more information on the Youth Climate Festival.
- PR requested that the dates for the festival are circulated via the secretariat.
- JA confirmed the dates of the Youth Festival for the 11th of October 2022 at Kirklees College (Huddersfield) and 13th October 2022 at the Al-Hikmah Centre (Batley).
- KS highlighted that grant of £800 for any art, drama or community related project are available from the organisation 'We are Eyes'. The deadline for this application is 24th June 2022. KS will send this information to LW.

ACTION: Secretariat to circulate information about the Youth Climate Festival to Commissioners.

ACTION: KS to send information about 'We are Eyes' to LW.

f. Energy & Waste

Gideon Richards (GR) provided an update.

Key points:

- First meeting will take place on 17th June 2022. There are now 12-15 people who have expressed an interest across a range of areas for both energy and waste.
- The group has also had a couple of meetings with Dark Woods Coffee and Huddersfield BID about the possibility of a number of projects with Dr John Lever from the University of Huddersfield.

g. Community Engagement & Involvement

Tom Taylor (TT) led the update, with input from Kath Shackleton (KS) and Kiran Bali (KB).

Key points:

- KB gave an update on a meeting between herself and KS. A draft plan has been submitted to hold an event that was initially going to be in line with World Environment Day, as an awareness event at a local venue. A couple of themes will be chosen for this event and a date will be set in the next couple of months.

- TT noted that there are now five people in the group including Richard Byrne and a Council co-optee. Locala have also expressed an interest in being involved with the group.
- TT spoke about Kirklees Third Sector Leaders (TSL):
 - TSL is the umbrella body for the sector, and they have been doing some work on climate change.
 - There has been a community buildings meeting, where they heard from a 'green doctor' programme, who provide advice for households on saving energy and reducing waste. They also provide advice for organisations as well, but this is limited.
 - There are lots of food, clothing, and waste reduction programmes around the sector. There is also an overlap here in social needs, and addressing inequalities and are also contributing to climate
 - One Community Foundation www.one-community.org.uk has grants for voluntary organisations for energy efficiency and nature projects. They have a funding pot that is specifically aimed at helping organisations with green project. They are also looking for trustees at present if anyone is interested in this.
 - A TSL event will be held in October, so it will be good to hear about some of the skills for Young People connections.
 - This event will also be looking at buildings, as there will be around 150 buildings that will struggle in winter due to the increased energy costs.
 - The event will also look at developing better systems around social value.
 - Picture of Kirklees event on 6th July 2022 – theme is trades by people, so community involvement will be a key part of this.
 - The art organisation Culture Declares have refreshed their website; this is an organisation who use their contacts in art to embrace awareness of climate change issues.
 - KS gave a presentation to the cultural leaders group.

4. University of Huddersfield Proposal

- PR introduced Emi Chui (EC) from the University of Huddersfield and thanked her for all of her work in assisting the KCC.
- EC highlighted that one of the key aspirations is to find other ways of working together that ensures the KCC maintains independent status.
- The University can assist in working on bids and taking projects to the next level.
- The University will provide access to facilities and resources on campus to host workshops.
- Access will be provided to all research facilities as well such as the library and online resources.
- A conversation has been started with the Council with a shift in the secretariat support, where the University may take some of this on.
- There is also the possibility of funding for a project officer to assist in bringing different bids together for the University and KCC.
- PR mentioned that himself and GR are currently looking at the legal status of the KCC and more will follow on this.

- Note on KCC Management Group:
- This has now been established, co-chaired by CH and EC.
- PR will send a letter to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the University, thanking them for assisting the KCC.

ACTION: PR to send a letter of thanks to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the University of Huddersfield.

5. Met Office – Kirklees Climate Change (Elizabeth Fuller)

Elizabeth Fuller (EF) talked through the slides.

Presentation slides for this item are appended (see Appendix 3 – Presentation Slides from Item 5).

EF works in the Urban Climate team at the Met Office. Presentation acts as an introduction to the city pack developed for Kirklees.

Discussion points:

- PR noted that the Met Office is a trusted organisation, and the report is a great way of comparing where Kirklees is in comparison to other places.
- BM asked how KCC could access the report. EF highlighted that this is available for internal use only and asked PR to share this amongst Commissioners. GR would like to be able to see the information at local level within graphical form. EF answered that the city packs just get the value output but that she can provide the pdf plume plot and will send this over.
- TN highlighted that it will be good to have a simplified version of this report so that it is easy to understand for members of the public. EF stated that she would also be interested to see a publicly accessible version of this and is something that the Met Office have considered.
- KB stated that this is a great example of co-production, very visually appealing. Would like KCC to consider how it uses this report as a tool for our communities.
- PR will circulate the report to colleagues and any feedback will be provided for EF.
- KA stated this information from the Met Office links with the work being done as part of the Kirklees Climate Change Action Plan.

6. Update on district-wide Climate Change Action Plan engagement process (Kirklees Council) –

Rob Green (RG) from Kirklees Council talked through slides.

Presentation slides from this item are appended (see Appendix 4 – Slides from Item 6).

Key points:

- Re-confirming the Scope of the Action Plan (AP)
- On-going and planned engagement activities.
- Progress of the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.

- Next Steps in the process.

Discussion points:

- PR asked how the Resident Survey was sent out.
- TT highlighted that doing engagement work in August is not really a good time to do this as October is better to give everyone plenty of time to get involved.
- GR raised the issues of contacting Councillors as quickly as possible. RG confirmed that this has already been done.
- KA mentioned that she has pushed for the short time frames to get the engagement completed quickly as possible. The team are doing the best they can within a relatively short time frame and with the recognition that we can continue to update it, and this will be an ongoing process with residents.
- BM highlighted that we have to ensure that if we want people to take action, it is vital that we let people know what they can also do in the meantime.
- TT highlighted that the plan should also state this is how we will work in partnership.
- GR highlighted the importance of ensuring that people are aware that this plan is theirs as well as the Council's.
- RG mentioned that this is where the engagement comes in so that people can develop the actions that they are responsible for.
- RG mentioned that there will be an externally available concise, informative, and accessible report.
- BM mentioned about when will we know about priority actions and what will be done. RG stated that this will be next year.
- KA highlighted that we are already carrying out actions but there are others that will require a lot of technical information as to what we need to carry out first.
- RG mentioned that there will be a comprehensive benefits assessment to outline social, environmental and economic benefits.
- TT mentioned that it would be good to be really clear in stating what the Council is doing. It would be good to have different processes for involving other partners in this plan. Consideration to be given to how is it possible to monitor what other organisations are doing.
- RG stated that this is the intention with the allocations of action owners to give responsibility. The monitoring and evaluation strategy has to be clear in what people are doing in terms of implementation.
- GR stated that we need to have some formal mechanism for monitoring and felt that the Commission is the place to put this, working with the University to monitor and manage all of this data and look at effective actions are. This could be a golden opportunity for KCC to lead on this and produce annual reports.

7. Any Other Business

GR thanked DB for the work that he has been doing and wished him good luck in his new role.

Meeting date forward plan:


- Friday 2nd September 2022, 10:00 – 12:30 - University of Huddersfield

- Friday 4th November 2022, 10:00 – 12:30

Appendix 1 – Attendees

Name	Initials	Role
Professor Peter Roberts	PR	Chair of the Commission
Abdul Ravat	AR	Commissioner
Alistair Branch	AB	Commissioner
Bill Macbeth	BM	Commissioner
Chris Herring	CH	Commissioner
Daniel Bedford	DB	Commissioner
Gideon Richards	GR	Commissioner
Kath Shackleton	KS	Commissioner
Kiran Bali	KB	Commissioner
Lisa Woods	LW	Commissioner
Professor John Allport	JA	Commissioner
Stephen Moore	SM	Commissioner
Stuart Sugarman	SS	Commissioner
Tom Taylor	TT	Commissioner
Tony Newham	TN	Commissioner
Katherine Armitage	KA	Kirklees Council – Senior Officer Representative
Robert Green	RG	Kirklees Council – Guest Speaker
Elizabeth Fuller	EF	Met Office – Guest Speaker
Bonni Jee	BJ	Secretariat
Karen Rispin	KR	Secretariat
John Atkinson	JAt	Secretariat
Dr John Lever	JL	Observer – University of Huddersfield
Emi Chui	EC	Observer – University of Huddersfield

Appendix 2 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Slides



The slide features a white background with a large teal and dark blue curved graphic at the bottom. At the top left are the logos for West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Tracy Brabin Mayor of West Yorkshire. At the top right is the 'LEVELLING UP' logo. The main title is 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund in West Yorkshire' with the date '7th June 2022' below it.

West Yorkshire
Combined Authority

Tracy Brabin
Mayor
of West Yorkshire

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund in West Yorkshire

7th June 2022

AGENDA

LEVELLING UP

- Welcome and Introductions
- What is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?
 - Multiply
- Ambition for UKSPF in West Yorkshire
- Progress since March 2022
- Timeline of Activity
- Next Steps

There will also be interactive elements of the Webinar.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority 2 www.wyorkshire-ca.gov.uk

WHO IS IN THE VIRTUAL ROOM ?

Journey over 6 years !

- **May 2016** - EU Referendum the start to replace EU Structural Funds
- **Nov 2020** - £220m support *communities* to pilot programmes 21-22 UK Community Renewal Fund.
- **Oct 2021 - Spending Review** - UKSPF is the *centrepiece of Governments ambition to improve outcomes in education, skills and health.*
 - Included as a first priority - £560 million UK wide **Multiply** programme to improve low levels of numeracy
 - **£2.6bn** announced split as follows, with the **majority of funding being revenue**:
 - 22 - 23 £0.4bn
 - 23 -24 £0.7bn
 - 24 - 25 £1.5bn
- **Feb 22** - **Levelling Up White Paper** – UKSPF Pre Launch Guidance: MCA Mandate, No Allocations, Further Guidance due Mar/April 22.
- **April 22** – Launch of the Fund and announcement of allocations

What is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?



£2.6 bn of new funding for local investment by March 2025, as part of a suite of complementary Levelling Up funding. It will:

- Provide all areas of the UK with an allocation of revenue and capital funding - via a funding formula, not a competition.
- Taper in from 2022-23, with funding reaching £1.5bn a year by 2025.
- Empower each place to identify and build on their own strengths and needs at a local level, focused on pride in place.
- Delegate delivery of the fund to Lead Authorities, supported by local partners.
- Enable local places to build a package of funding, drawing on other programmes such as the Levelling Up Fund or employment and skills support to maximise impact and simplify delivery. T
- The fund will be led nationally by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) with support from other government departments.
- It is not a like for like replacement for EU Structural Funds.

Introduction to UKSPF



The UK Shared Prosperity Fund will support the UK Government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the four parts of Levelling Up:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards, especially in those places where they are lagging.
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest.
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost.
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

The primary goal of UKSPF is **building pride in place and increasing life chances across the UK**, while recognising the acute challenges town centres and communities have faced during the Covid pandemic.

This will be achieved across **three Investment Priorities/Pillars**:

- Communities and Place
- Local Business; and
- People and Skills

UKSPF investments will also need to demonstrate their contribution to net zero and nature recovery objectives.

The UKSPF will be split between a **core allocation/main fund**, and the **Multiply Adult Numeracy Programme**.

UKSPF – Pillars of the Fund



Investment Priority	Summary of Objectives
Community and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging.• To build resilient and safe neighbourhoods.
Supporting Local Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion by supporting local businesses.• Promoting networking and collaboration and stimulating innovation and growth.• Targeted support to help businesses grow - e.g. innovation, productivity, energy efficiency, low carbon and exporting.
People and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work.• Supporting disadvantaged people to access the skills they need.• Funding local skills needs and supplementing local adult skills provision.• Reducing levels of economic inactivity and supporting those furthest from the labour market.

Government Example Interventions



Communities and place

- Visual improvements to town centres and high streets
- Cultural/ visitor economy interventions
- Litter, waste and graffiti reduction
- Projects to fight antisocial behaviour
- Community projects



Local business

- Support to increase town centre footfall (e.g. outdoor markets)
- Development of cultural, visitor and heritage assets
- Targeted business growth and innovation support



People and skills

- Technical and vocational qualifications in areas of local skills shortage
- Intensive, wraparound one-to-one support to address barriers to employment
- Life skills, basic skills and specialist support including achieving basic qualifications in alternative settings
- Work experience, supported employment, enrichment activities, counselling and advice, and community referrals

• DLUHC Slide

UKSPF Investment Priorities

Pillar 1 - Communities and Place



The intention of this Pillar is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, supporting building pride in place. Lead authorities are encouraged to identify interventions and activities that will support these objectives in an area.

Investment Priority: Communities and Place

Objectives

Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and access to amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects.

Building resilient, healthy and safe neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in, through targeted improvements to the built and natural environment innovative approaches to crime prevention

Nation specific interventions

For example: "Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects"

Outputs

For example: "Number of facilities supported/created"

Outcomes

For example: "Increased users of facilities/amenities"

Aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper Missions to *Build pride in place and increase life chances*

UKSPF Investment Priorities Pillar 2 - Supporting Local Business



Areas are encouraged to review the interventions and activities that would support business to thrive, innovate and grow, including any interventions that are best delivered at a larger scale in collaboration with other places, or more locally. Places should also consider segmenting their business population, focusing on specific interventions that will best meet local business need. This can be informed by early engagement with local business representatives.

Investment Priority: Supporting Local Business

Objectives
 Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions, and range from support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.
 Promoting networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners within and across sectors to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and stimulate innovation and growth.
 Increasing private sector investment in growth -enhancing activities, through targeted support for small and medium -sized businesses to undertake new -to-firm innovation, adapt productivity -enhancing, energy efficient and low carbon technologies and techniques, and start or grow their exports.

Nation specific interventions
 For example: 'Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems'

Outputs
 For example: 'Number of potential entrepreneurs provided assistance to be business ready'

Outcomes
 For example: 'Number of new businesses created'

Aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper Missions to *Build pride in place and increase life chances*

UKSPF Investment Priorities Pillar 3 - People and Skills



There will **no requirement** to identify skills and people related interventions for the **first two years** of UKSPF (with some limited exceptions).

The UKSPF guidance also states lead authorities are strongly encouraged to agree and commission people and skills activities over larger geographies.

Investment Priority: People and Skills

Objectives
 Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work, by targeting adults with no or low-level qualifications and skills in health, and uplift the working population, yielding personal and societal economic impact, and by encouraging innovative approaches to reducing adult learning barriers (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland only. In England, this is delivered through the Department for Education's Multiple programme).
 Reducing levels of economic inactivity through investment in bespoke intensive life and employment support tailored to local need. Investment should facilitate the join-up of mainstream provision and local services within an area for participants, through the use of one-to-one keyworker support, improving employment outcomes for specific cohorts who face labour market barriers.
 Supporting people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to work by providing cohesive, locally tailored support including access to basic skills.
 Supporting local areas to fund gaps in local skills provision to support people to progress in work, and supplement local adult skills provision e.g. by providing additional courses, delivering provision through a wider range of routes or enabling more innovative provision, both qualification based and non-qualification based. This should be supplementary to provision available through national employment and skills programmes.

Nation specific interventions
 For example: 'Employment support for economically inactive people'

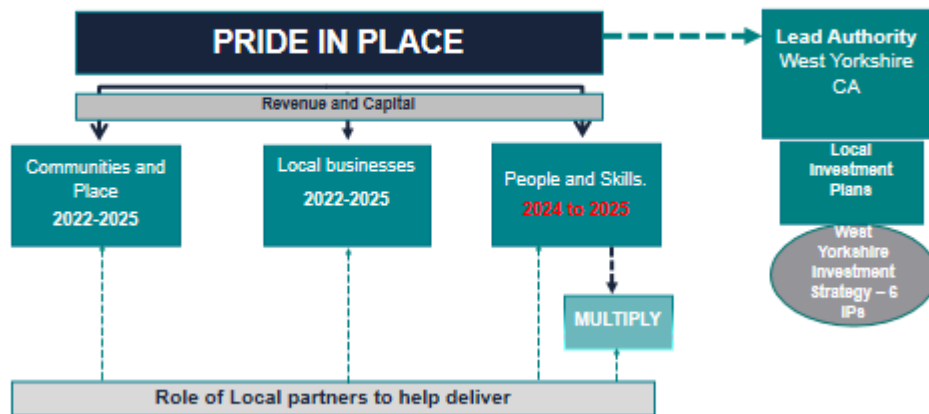
Outputs
 For example: 'Number of people supported to engage in job searching'

Outcomes
 For example: 'Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support'

Aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper Missions to *Build pride in place and increase life chances*

UKSPF Structure

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The role of Lead Authorities

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- In West Yorkshire the Lead Authority is West Yorkshire Combined Authority working in partnership with our 5 partner Councils.
- Championing the region to achieve the best outcomes
- Developing and submitting Investment Plans to unlock devolved funding allocation
- Potentially calling for projects/commissioning with wider partnership or in house delivery
- Appraising and selecting projects
- Contracting with delivery partners
- Undertaking monitoring and assurance activity
- Paying grants to successful projects and managing their performance
- Reporting to Government – spend, delivery outcomes, evaluation
- Management fee to be top sliced off allocation to run the Fund

- 2022-24 - Communities and place and local business plus Multiply.
- 2022-24 - Consider at risk VSO skills provision at risk due to ESF end - locally important provision.
- 2024-25 – plus Support people and skills.

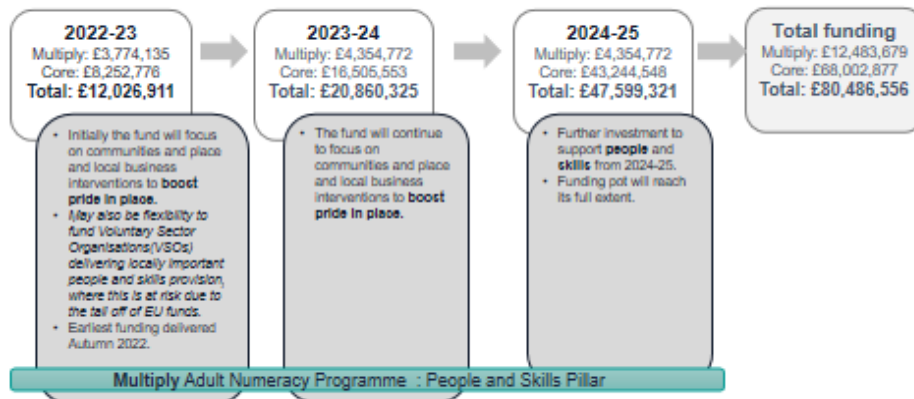
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UKSPF In West Yorkshire – our ambition for the Fund

UKSPF Funding in West Yorkshire



Lead Authorities will be asked to **return any underspend** to the Government at the end of each financial year.

Ambition for UKSPF in West Yorkshire



- Collective agreement that we need to 'level up' West Yorkshire - discussion have begun to agree how together can make this happen as a partnership.
- To complement our other funding streams to help deliver outcomes local Leaders have agreed in the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy.
- Simplification
- Flexibility - Using funding available in the region as flexibly as possible.
- Local decision making made by local partners who know their areas best
- Transparency in decision making building on already developed processes where possible.
- Development of projects/programmes will be done through policy led pipeline development work and consideration given to the place based support required.
- Need to be balanced with areas of opportunity, which in turn can improve outcomes for wider communities across West Yorkshire.
- Deliver better outcomes than previous EU Structural Funds – demonstrating to Government the new model works.

West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS) 2021 to 2024



Combined Authority June 2021 agreed WYIS – six Investment Priorities (IPs)

Investment Priority	Title
IP1	Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses (including entrepreneurialism)
IP2	Skills and training for people
IP3	Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure
IP 4	Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability
IP 5	Future Transport
IP 6	Culture and Creative Industries

SPF Governance in West Yorkshire



- Required to set out a governance model, including Multiply, that is acceptable to Government.
- Requires comprehensive and balanced local partnership.
- Local partners expected to support the Lead Authority to develop the Investment Plan.
- Once approved to provide advice on deliverability and strategic fit on schemes to be funded.
- Overall will ensure the Combined Authority is accountable, open and transparent with other local partners as well as HMG.

Recommendations made and accepted by West Yorkshire Political Leaders

- UKSPF West Yorkshire Partnership Advisory Group established with immediate effect (*the Local Partnership Group - LPG*).
- Building upon and re-purposes members from existing governance groups.
- Reporting to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee (FRCC) and ultimately to the Combined Authority.
- Two reps from each of the relevant Committees plus a rep for each Council.
- Recommendations made by the 'Group' ratified by FRCC and enacted by the WYCA UKSPF Officer Team.
- To be supported by an **External Officer Advisory Group** and the AEB Performance Group.

Engagement with MPs



- should be closely engaged in the design and delivery of the Fund.
- should be invited to join the local partnership group.
- provide an advisory role.
- the investment plan needs to demonstrate local consensus for the plan. If it does not, ministers reserve the right to defer sign off until broad consensus is secured. Failure of one or more MPs to agree would not prevent consideration of the investment plan.
- the Lead Authority is encouraged to engage proactively and constructively with MPs on a periodic basis, post investment plan sign-off – including through a regular reviews and meetings of the partnership group in its delivery phase.
- Accepted by WYPL: **MP Engagement Group** be established to run parallel to the main Local Partnership Group.

CORE UKSPF

West Yorkshire Core UKSPF Allocation

The Allocation for West Yorkshire is **£80,486,557** (£68,002,877 UKSPF and £12,483,680 Multiply): See later slides for **Multiply**

	UKSPF			TOTALS
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	ALL YEARS
Overall Allocation	8,252,776	16,505,553	43,244,548	68,002,877
Less Mngt fee max 4%	330,111	660,222	1,729,782	2,720,115
Balance left for Delivery	7,922,665	15,845,331	41,514,766	65,282,762

Fund constraints in designing the Plan



- o Conditional 3 year allocation - split by financial year and by capital and revenue minimum thresholds.
- o Any in year underspends to be returned to HMG at the end of each financial year.
- o Year 1 issue : spend, deliverability and capacity - earliest start date to protect funding.
- o Match funding not required - strongly encouraged to seek and include leverage in the Investment Plan if possible.
- o No spend in Years 1 and 2 for People and Skills unless to be used to fund targeted people and skills provision where this is a continuing priority for West Yorkshire in 2024-25 and may be at significant risk of ending due to the tail off of EU funds and currently delivered by voluntary and community organisations.



MULTIPLY

What is Multiply ?



- It is one of the first skills and employment programmes under Pillar 3 (People and Skills).
- Multiply is an adult numeracy programme, led by the Department for Education (DfE)
- £430m will be available across the four nations over the three years.
- The funding is to engage more adults with numeracy levels below level 2 (GCSE C/4 pass) in informal learning to boost their maths skills for life and work.
- In addition to locally delivered programmes there will also be a national website launched later in the year so that people can learn at their own pace, with personalised on-line tutor support.
- Government have published a 'menu of interventions' against which activity should be planned. There is an opportunity to go 'off menu', however, this will require a clear evidence-based case for each proposal with measurable outcomes proposed.
- £12.4 million for West Yorkshire.

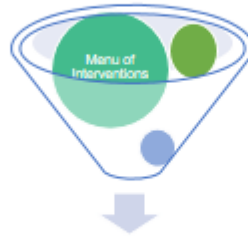
MULTIPLY – West Yorkshire Allocation				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	ALL YEARS
Overall Allocation	3,774,135	4,354,772	4,354,772	12,483,679

Multiply Programme



- Critical to align and design around AEB – avoid duplication and maximise impact of funds
- 'Menu of interventions' consulted upon with key stakeholders and sector representatives
- Potential to focus Multiply on 3 key workstreams which will add value:
 - Individual engagement activity - aspiration focused
 - Business focused intervention for existing workforce
 - Capacity Building in the sector
- Delivery options provided have been tested in consultation late May to prioritise most needed activity and determine weighting of funds across the workstreams.
- Ambition that Investment Plan will be co-designed with a range of sector and stakeholder reps.
- Timing and phasing of interventions will be critical to mobilise activity in stages and in maximising the fund use in-year.

Multiply – What could multiply do?



Business Focused Activity
Individual Focused Activity
Capacity Building for sector

Multiply – What could multiply do?

Activity to be delivered in West Yorkshire

Individual Focused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Flexible activity and courses delivered through community organisations which provide money management and budgeting support to tackle numeracy and cost of living concerns B) flexible activity and courses delivered to families to support children with numeracy: aspiration raising and myth-busting c) Additional numeracy modules to be embedded into vocational programmes
Business Focused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace e) Provide incentives: e.g. pay for employee time spent on course, based on hourly rate? f) Numeracy champions embedded within workplaces to identify and support staff needs: triage skills needs, signpost to (new &) existing programmes, provide mentoring/buddy support. To include training package and coordination of mentors
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) Consultation / qualitative work with the adult education sector to explore and unpack key issues around numeracy and to map / assess existing provision h) Training subject specialists in maths to embed numeracy into vocational curriculum (FE and Training provider programmes) i) Sector training for front line staff (e.g. employment hub advisors, student services, PAs for Care leavers, careers teams, community tutors) to be numeracy ambassadors and/or numeracy mentors j) Activity which specifically links multiply providers to AEB and UKSPF provision k) Awareness raising campaign and collateral to support all streams with engagement

Multiply – Some Challenges



Given that AEB is a devolved fund within West Yorkshire, which can be flexibly applied and to meet residents and economic needs as determined by the Combined Authority, there is considerable potential for Multiply to duplicate current provision

- Multiply funds must focus on different target groups and activity.
- Commissioned Multiply activity must 'wrap around' and add value to existing provision, particularly AEB.
- Devolution affords us the ability to design out duplication.

- Year 1 uptake is likely to be low for new markets.
- New funding streams need considerable awareness raising activity upfront to support engagement.
- Funding streams that provide free education to individuals can be undervalued with a high dropout rate.



PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

Developing the Local Investment Plans



As Lead Authority, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority is developing the Local Investment Plans (LIPs), working in conjunction, initially and overall at this stage, with our Local Authority partners to develop the Investment framework.

Government expect the content of each LIP to be coherent and broadly supported by relevant partners – the LPG will be a key vehicle for assuring this.

The interventions, outputs and outcomes set out in the LIP must be deliverable, and Lead Authorities are expected to set out how they will deliver a successful programme.

The LIPs will be assessed on three key areas :

- Local Context – including challenges and opportunities
- Selection of outcomes, outputs and proposed interventions
- Delivery

The Multiply LIP will be submitted late-June 2022 - and is due to be approved by Government in summer 2022.
The Core SPF LIP will be submitted late-July 2022 - and is due to be approved by Government in Autumn 2022.

Progress since March 2022 Webinar



Since the Webinar on the 31st March 2022 the following has taken place :

- Ongoing codesign and consultation with West Yorkshire Political Leaders on the overall Framework for the Fund in West Yorkshire building on the ongoing policy led pipeline development work to help deliver the WYIS.
- Agreed the Governance model for the SPF in West Yorkshire and sought nominations from the Combined Authority Committees.
- In the process of establishing a MP Engagement Group for the purpose of engaging MPs with SPF and the LIPs
- Held a Multiply Stakeholder Engagement Event – May 22.
- Undertook a survey in to numeracy provision and need - targeted at business to inform the options for the Multiply Investment Plan.
- Set up a central mailbox for all enquiries.
- West Yorkshire UKSPF Website in development.

Updated Timetable and next steps



Timing	UKSPF Milestone
18 April	Government launch Fund and announce allocations
June to late July	Consultation and co-production with West Yorkshire Political Leadership (ongoing)
28 th May	Closing date for nominations to join the West Yorkshire Local Partnership Group
7 th June	Webinar held with wider stakeholders – engagement and to aid understand on what UKSPF is
3 rd to 17 th June	Consultation on Multiply Investment Plan
Mid June	WY UKSPF Local Partnership Group established – Inaugural meeting
18 th June	MP Engagement Group - Inaugural meeting
23 June CA	Approval of Multiply Investment Plan for submission to Government
30 June	8PF Multiply Investment Framework Submitted to Government
1 st to 31 st July	Consultation on Core 8PF Investment Plan
By 12 th July	Finalise CA papers for publication
14 th July	CA papers published
22 July CA	Approval of Core 8PF Investment Plan for submission to Government
28 th July	Final amends made to Plan and loaded in to Government Portal
29 July	8PF Core Investment Framework Submitted to Government
Over the summer	Work on detail of Fund delivery and operation via Implementation Plans and more detailed consultation
End of August	Investment Plan for Multiply signed off by UK Government : DfE
September	Delivery starts for Multiply
October	Investment Plan Core 8PF signed off by UK Government
October/November	Delivery starts for Core 8PF



POLLING AND QUESTION TIME

Other Information



Link to UKSPF National Guidance Documentation <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

Link to Multiply National Guidance Documentation <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiply-funding-available-to-improve-numeracy-skills>

West Yorkshire Investment Strategy
<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/8428/west-yorkshire-investment-strategy.pdf>

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Appendix 3 – Presentation Slides from Item 5

Met Office – Elizabeth Fuller



The City Pack – Overview of Content



To **enhance the UK's resilience** to climate variability and change

Climate risks
Characterising and quantifying climate-related risks to the UK

Climate adaptation
Managing climate-related risks through adaptation

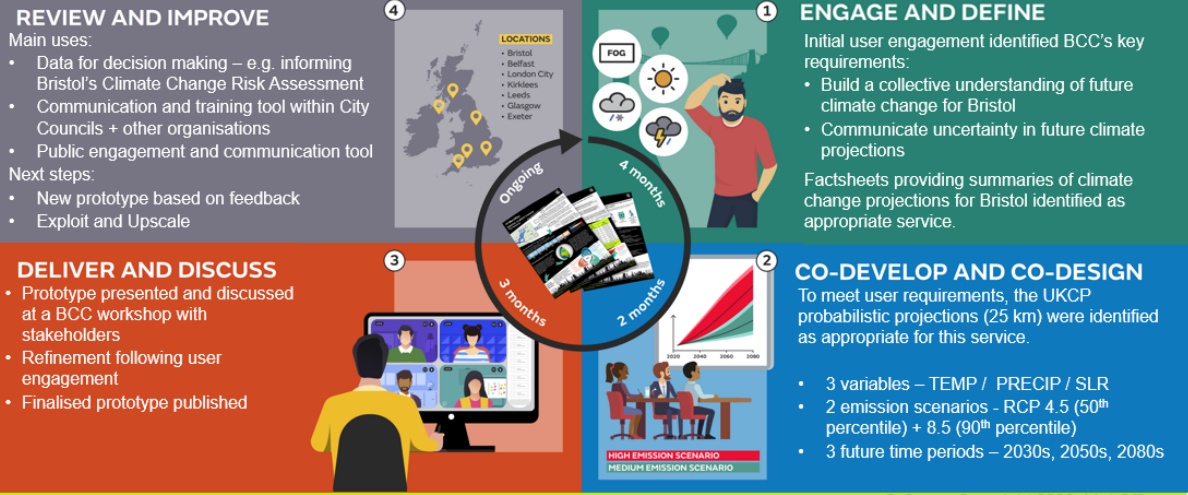
Climate services
Working with partners to turn climate information and knowledge into action and usable services



Website: <https://www.ukclimateresilience.org/>

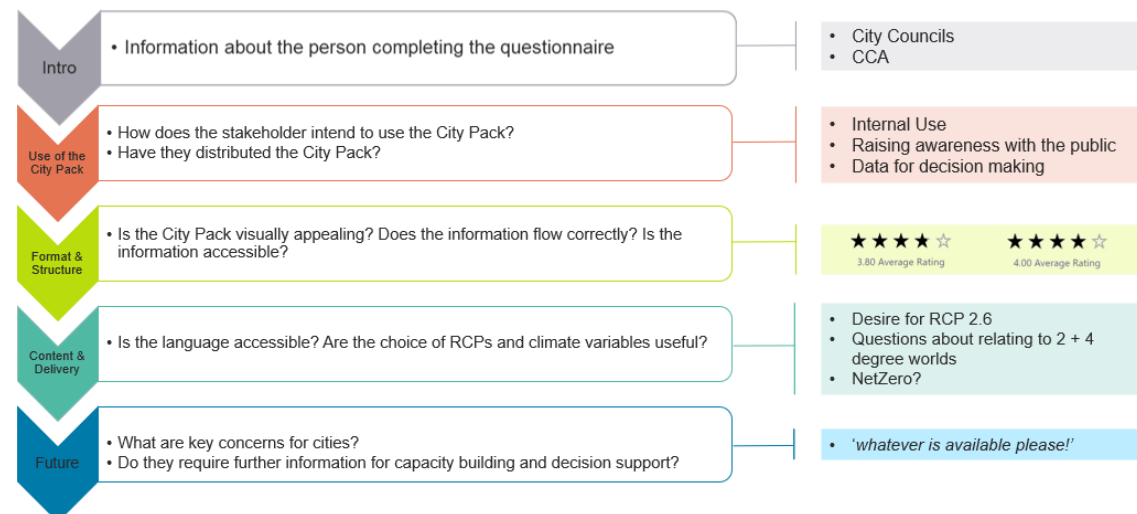


The City Pack was co-developed with Bristol City Council (BCC) and resulted in the co-delivery of three non-technical factsheets explaining how the climate of Bristol may change over the 21st Century using UKCP projections.



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Met Office How are they being used?

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The City Pack – Use Cases from 7 UK Cities

Introduction:
The City Pack uses the latest UKCP projections to provide high-level, non-technical local summaries of a city's future climate. The co-development of the first City Pack with Bristol City Council allowed the service to be tailored to meet user needs. Since then, a further six City Packs have been developed for cities across the UK. The City Pack uses graphics and tables to communicate scientific research in an accessible way, providing robust climate information to help city decision makers plan for the future, enabling cities to become more resilient to climate change.

How the City Packs are being used:

Data for decision making:

- ✓ The City Pack provides an evidence base to inform about City resilience to climate change.
- ✓ Projection results are being incorporated into larger city-level action and resilience strategies. For example, the City Pack helped to inform the Bristol City Council Climate Change Risk Assessment.

As a communication and training tool within City Councils and other organisations:

- ✓ To create a foundation of shared understanding within City Councils (or other organisations) and the partners that they work with. For example, the City Packs may be shared with Emergency Responders and other Local Authorities associated with the city.
- ✓ As a training tool within the City Council or organisation. For example, the City Packs may be used as orientation material for new staff working within planning and policy departments.

As a public engagement and communication tool:

- ✓ The City Pack may be used as a communication tool to raise public awareness and understanding of the key issues associated with climate change locally within the city. For example, the City Pack may be shared on social media, made available on public websites and embedded into other public outreach and training resources.

To inform the development of other climate services and resources:

- ✓ The City Pack also provides a catalyst from which cities may begin to develop their own additional resources. For example, Climate Ready Clyde have developed a new infographic informing about the challenge of climate change for the Glasgow City Region.
- ✓ Since receiving a City Pack, a number of cities are building their resilience by engaging with the Urban Climate Services team to develop new climate services. For example, the team are scoping new services to inform about urban heat and flooding.

What's next:
The City Packs are currently undergoing development, including adaptation in response to user requests and updating to include additional new cities. Get in touch to find out more.

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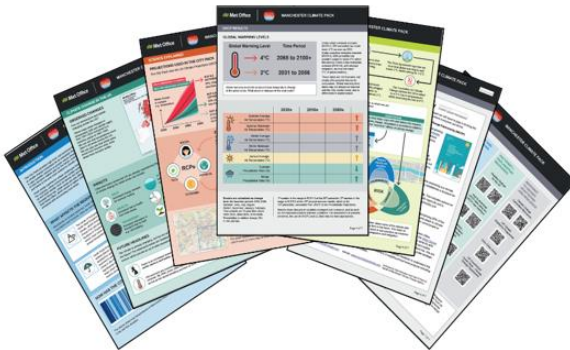
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- Glasgow
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- Data for decision making
- As a communication and training tool within City Councils and other organisations
- As a public engagement and communication tool
- To inform the development of other climate services and resources

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- Sheffield
- Stratford-Upon-Avon
- Torbay
- West Dunbartonshire
- West Midlands

Introduction to the City Pack aims

Local information on weather and climate

Introduction to historic climate trends in the UK

Impacts of present day climate change

Projection headline messages

Explanation of the probabilistic projections used

Map showing chosen grid square

Global warming levels for 2 and 4 degrees

Probabilistic projection results for the chosen grid square

Variable	2030s	2050s	2080s
Summer Average Air Temperature (°C)	+0.9 to +1.9	+1.5 to +3.3	+2.6 to +5.4
Summer Maximum Air Temperature (°C)	+0.9 to +2.2	+1.6 to +3.8	+2.9 to +7.3
Winter Average Air Temperature (°C)	+0.7 to +1.6	+1.3 to +2.8	+1.7 to +4.5
Winter Minimum Air Temperature (°C)	+0.8 to +1.5	+1.2 to +2.5	+2.0 to +4.7
Annual Average Air Temperature (°C)	+0.8 to +1.5	+1.2 to +2.5	+2.0 to +4.7
Summer Precipitation (mm)	-2 to -21	-11 to -35	-19 to -52
Winter Precipitation (mm)	+2 to +11	+4 to +18	+8 to +31

Context of global warming levels and international / national policy

Glossary of terms, including adaptation and mitigation

Introduction to moving from 'hazard' to risk

All references and resources are hyperlinked

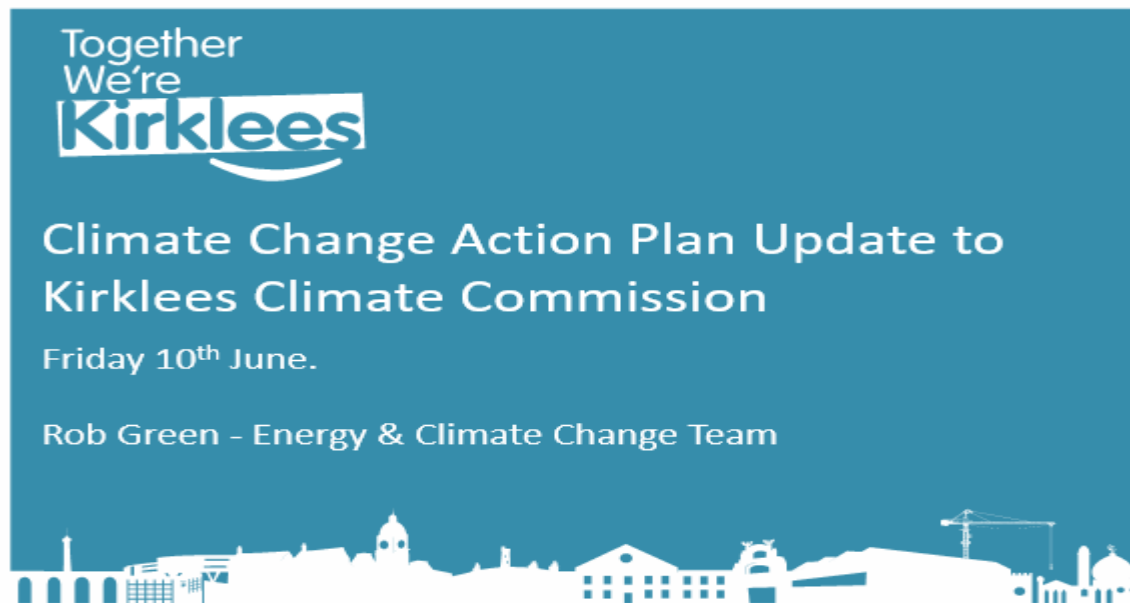


Probabilistic Projections

The probabilistic projections combine information from several collections of computer models with observations using advanced statistical methods.

Appendix 4 – Slides from Item 6

Update on district-wide Climate Change Action Plan engagement process (Rob Green, Kirklees Council)




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Climate Change Action Plan Update to Kirklees Climate Commission

Friday 10th June.

Rob Green - Energy & Climate Change Team



Introduction & Objective



Rob Green
Environment Officer – Climate Change

Joined Kirklees in December 2021, after 5 years as a Senior Sustainability & Resilient Consultant in the UK and New Zealand.

Objective of this presentation:

To update you on the progress of the action plan around:

- Re-confirming the Scope of the Action Plan (AP)
- On-going and planned engagement activities
- Progress of the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Next Steps in the process.



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Scope of the Action Plan



‘Net Zero **and Climate Ready** by 2038’



A district-wide action plan that addresses climate change mitigation AND adaptation.

Principles of AP:



Flexible



Shaped by people



Fair



Evidence based



Mitigation and Adaptation focused

Action Response Sectors

1. Buildings
2. Energy
3. Waste
4. Transport
5. Water
6. Natural Environment & Biodiversity
7. Agriculture & Sustainable Food
8. Cross-Cutting

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Defining our Action Sectors



Buildings: Our homes, workplaces, and public buildings



Transport: How people and goods move within the district.



Energy: The source of heat and power to the built environment.



Waste: The consumption and discarding of substances or objects.



Natural Environment and Biodiversity: Our land, air and biodiversity.



Water: All aspects in relation to water - management, waste, potable, fluvial and pluvial flooding.



Sustainable Food and Agriculture: Consumption, cultivation, production and supply of food.



Cross-Cutting: Overarching aspects that cover more than one of the 7 defined sectors.

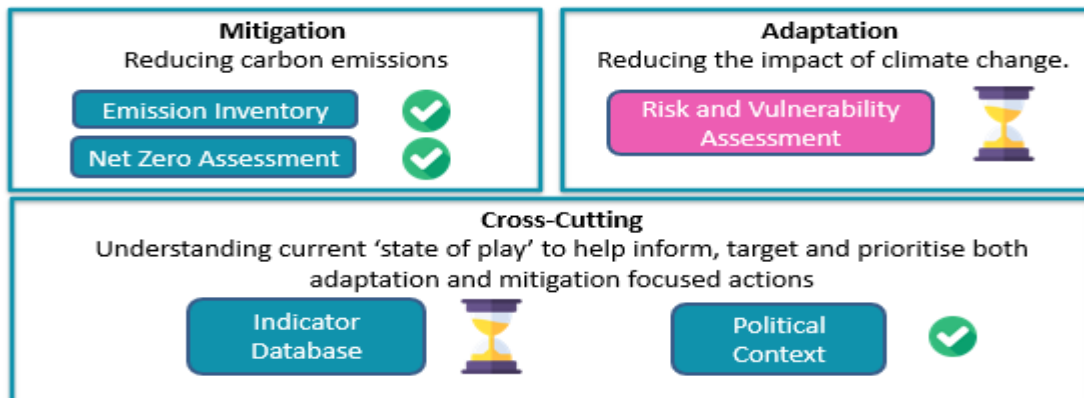
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Stakeholder Engagement Activities



Evidence Base for the Action Plan

Evidence base, used alongside stakeholder engagement, to inform the Action Plan.



Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment - Objectives



- To inform the development of the Action Plan and to meet our Carbon Disclosure Project and Global Covenant of Mayors reporting requirements.
- To outline actions per AP sector, that can be adopted by stakeholders in Kirklees to help address the risks identified.
- To provide capacity building workshops for Council staff to 'upskill' understanding and knowledge of Adaptation planning.

It will:

- Be developed in general accordance with ISO 14091:2021, which applies IPCC AR5 terminology, alongside Kirklees MCs current risk assessment methodology and CDP / GCoM requirements.



Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment - Scope



Themes / Sectors:

- Health and Well-being (including adult care)
- Infrastructure (including highways, IT, transport)
- Culture, Leisure and Tourism
- Housing and Buildings
- Waste and Water
- Biodiversity (the National Park and urban greenspaces)

Projections & Timeframes

- Outline the climate related risks that the district of Kirklees will face at 2030, 2050 and 2080 timeframes, informed by engagement
- Use UKCP18 projections for Kirklees at the RCP8.5 scenario.

The scope have been agreed based on the guidance set out in ISO 14091:2021, as well as CDP and GCoM reporting requirements.



Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment - Deliverables



Stakeholder Engagement:

- Multiple risk meetings, per theme.
- A workshop to discuss adaptation actions.

Reports / Resources:

Internal council:

- A detailed risk assessment
- CDP and GCoM reporting input
- Interactive capacity development workshop

Externally available:

- A concise, informative and accessible report.



Next Steps Action Plan Development

- Continue to write-up our phase 2 Action Plan, based on the stakeholder engagement output.
- Go through Council governance structure for approval and publication
- Develop more detailed business cases for priority actions, including carbon reduction potential and cost, through further stakeholder engagement.
- Develop a monitoring & evaluation process for the action plan
- Gain approval for and publish the next iteration of the Action Plan

