

Kirklees Council 'Climate Local' Commitments

JOB

Creating local jobs in the green sector and ensuring we have the appropriate skills for a low carbon economy

HOMES

Continue to aim to provide affordable warmth and tackle fuel poverty in homes.

COUNCIL

Leading by example - efficient use of energy & water in buildings, street lighting and fuel use by fleet vehicles

TRANSPORT

Increasing transport connectivity in Kirklees and reducing related carbon emissions.

WASTE

Developing future plans to reduce waste and maximise diversion from landfill.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Delivering a setting for investment and maximising biodiversity and reducing costs.

Headline commitments

Develop a portfolio of low carbon investment projects e.g. district heating

Create demand for green products and services and support business to reduce resource use and costs

Provide support to existing and new green sector companies for sector growth (supply)

Maximise employment and skills opportunities through our green investment projects and plan for future green skills needs

HEALTH: Work with the health and social care system to support vulnerable fuel poor residents

FINANCE: Promote mechanisms for access to affordable energy costs and a greater understanding of energy bills

HOUSING: Improve the energy efficiency of council owned, private rented and owner occupied homes via appropriate routes e.g. funding, planning policy

Develop and deliver an investment pipeline of energy and cost saving projects for corporate buildings, street lighting and fleet

Embed organisational change and develop behaviour change projects and policies that reduce costs/ carbon in service delivery

Develop and deliver a programme of measures to support and provide incentives for sustainable travel choices

Plan and design new developments that minimise the need to travel and support the use of sustainable travel modes

Deliver a programme of Urban Traffic Control schemes to help relieve congestion and improve air quality

Maintain and improve performance of recycling schemes and high level of diversion from landfill

Review the Council's Waste Strategy taking into account revised Government policy, new legislation and budget pressures

Utilise the natural environment to support local economic development e.g. reduced flood risk and pollution, local food and fuel production

Maximise biodiversity value through planning and land management

What does it mean for Kirklees residents?

- Access to Jobs
- Increased income
- Skills and ladders of opportunity

- A warmer and more comfortable home
- Improved physical and mental health
- Financial savings on energy bills
- Increased value of home

- Financial savings through energy and fuel costs can be reinvested into providing services to Kirklees residents

- Improved local air quality
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Alternative travel choices

- Financial savings through reduced treatment and landfill costs
- Cleaner/ greener environment

- Reduced financial loss caused by flood damage
- Cleaner local environment
- Improved wildlife and habitats for people to enjoy and value