

Agenda item 5 – PR/21/13

Update on the Policy Review Low Carbon Working Group (Previous update 11th January 2022)

A full update will be presented to the Policy Review Low Carbon Working Group meeting on the 22 March 2022 where further discussion and feedback can be provided.

Low Carbon Strategy

The draft Low Carbon Strategy went to Full Council on Thursday 24th February where it was supported and adopted. The strategy will be made available on the website in due course. We will now continue work to finalise a detailed action plan outlining the delivery of key priority projects.

HVO fuel trial

The 3 month trial of a Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel for use in our commercial vehicles has just been completed. We are awaiting the final report and outcomes from the measurements made in the trial to confirm any impacts and benefits from switching fuels. It was predicted that use of the fuel during this 3 month period has saved 206 tonnes of carbon emissions from our vehicle fleet.

Y&NY LEP Routemap to Carbon Negative

The York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Routemap to Carbon Negative is open to consultation. The initial draft is being consulted from 28th February to 17th March, with an aim to gather feedback on strategic priorities and action plans.

The Routemap aims to provide a pathway for local authorities, businesses, charities, academia and communities to deliver carbon reduction quickly and effectively to reach a target of net zero by 2034, and net carbon negative by 2040.

The consultation can be accessed here: <https://www.ynylep.com/strategies/routemap-to-carbon-negative-consultation>

Our Zero Selby

The local project working with communities in Selby, Brayton, Barlby and Thorpe Willoughby has now entered the stakeholder engagement stage and will be holding events with members of the public and key stakeholders on 5th, 6th and 19th March. The aim of the sessions is to review and prioritise the variety of ideas that have been put forward to move Selby and the surrounding area to a zero carbon future. Local councillors have been invited by the project team.

Better Homes Yorkshire

Working with City of York Council through the Better Homes programme has given us access to funding from the Warm Homes Fund (WHF), the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery schemes (LAD), and the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG). Since the

programme began, 110 homes across the district have benefitted from energy efficiency improvement measures.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The Climate Change Working Group has begun to develop a Climate Change Impacts Assessment methodology and is defining how this will be used and implemented across workstreams. It is also proposed that a Climate Change Strategy will be required for the new council.

Tree planting

A short list of quick win sites on SDC owned land has been identified. Work is ongoing to regarding procurement and strategic planting plans.