

### Appendix 3: Westmorland and Furness Council's Climate Actions

Westmorland and Furness Council's climate actions are split into the 6 categories identified within our Action Plan, the way we live, work, travel, produce energy, use things and enhance nature. Each action is further categorised by team, the Council department responsible for the specific action. Each action describes the Council's scope of influence, illustrated in Figure 2 in the Action Plan, which describes the Council's role in delivering each action, such as having direct control or an in-partnership role. In addition, the cross-cutting themes applicable to each action are listed, these are the co-benefits described in the Action Plan - Health, Equality, Rurality and Green Growth.

The timescale column is the date by which the actions will be delivered. However, all actions may be started at any time, including long-term actions which may not be fully implemented until 2037. Actions are categorised by the following:

In Progress - actions already started

Ongoing - actions delivered in the short and long-term, or delivered continually

- Short Term - actions delivered in the next 5 years.

- Long Term - actions delivered by 2037.

Westmorland and Furness Council's climate actions can be found in the categories below. The Way We.....

**Live, Work, Travel, Use Things, Produce Energy and Enhance and Protect Nature**

Ref:	Category	Team	Action	Timescale	Scope of Influence	Cross Cutting
1L	The way we live	Planning Policy	Embed Climate Change and the Net Zero 2037 target into the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan	In Progress	Direct Control	All
2L	The way we live	Development Management	Establish a Local Plan Community Engagement working group to communicate the potential that planning has for climate action.	Long Term	Direct Control	All
3L	The way we live	Flood Management Team	Identify locations on Council-owned land for installation of SuDs to remove surface water	In Progress	Direct Control	Health
4L	The way we live	Green Growth	Deliver the final stages of the Greening Eden Businesses Scheme	In Progress	Direct Control	Rurality, Green Growth
5L	The way we live	Housing	Continue to bid and deliver national energy efficiency and retrofit schemes including Local Authority Delivery (LAD), Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG) and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) to support homeowners in accessing accredited advice on house retrofitting and energy efficiency.	In Progress	Direct Control, Partnerships	Health, Equality, Rurality
6L	The way we live	Housing	Develop a social housing decarbonisation plan for council-owned social housing stock and aim for an EPC C target rating.	In Progress	Direct Control	Health, Equality, Rurality
7L	The way we live	Housing	Monitor property EPC ratings on a council data management system.	Long Term	Direct Control	
8L	The way we live	Housing	Develop a more effective approach to domestic minimum energy efficiency standards	Long Term	Direct Control	Health, Equality, Rurality
9L	The way we live	Planning Policy	Integrate sustainable building principles into a Westmorland and Furness design code supplementary planning document.	Long Term	Direct Control	Green Growth
10L	The way we live	Planning Policy	Develop the scope for energy efficiency policies to help inform policy decisions through the development of the Local Plan.	Long Term	Direct Control	Green Growth
11L	The way we live	Public Health	Undertake an evidence review of the adverse impacts of extreme weather on health	Short Term	Direct Control	Health
12L	The way we live	Flood Management Team	Create a Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Approval Body (SAB)	In Progress	Procurement and commissioning	Health
13L	The way we live	Green Growth	Funding and supporting the expansion of the Green Doctor programme across Westmorland and Furness	In progress	Place Shaping	All
14L	The way we live	Planning Policy	Promote the conversion of existing buildings and the use of brown-field land	Long Term	Place Shaping	Green Growth

15L	The way we live	Planning Policy	Make sure that new development is resilient to extreme weather events such as flooding and extreme heat	Long Term	Place Shaping	All
16L	The way we live	Climate and Nature	Be an active participant of Innovate UK's Net Zero Living cohort, gaining best practice from across the UK.	In Progress	Place Shaping	Rurality
17L	The way we live	Climate and Nature	Explore options to support the development of sustainability hubs in Westmorland and Furness	Ongoing	Place Shaping	All
18L	The way we live	Climate and Nature/Housing	Assess the current housing stock in Westmorland and Furness, including assessing empty home and second home ownership.	Long Term	Place Shaping	All
19L	The way we live	Housing	Continue to support the local energy advice partnership scheme Cold to Cosy through funding and referrals.	In Progress	Partnerships	Health, Equality, Rurality
20L	The way we live	Housing	Where possible apply a higher than normal low carbon standards in new social housing that Westmorland and Furness Council have supported	Long Term	Partnership	All
21L	The way we live	Housing	Assess the current housing stock of Westmorland and Furness, for example assessing empty homes	Long Term	Partnership	Health, Equality, Rurality
22L	The way we live	Cross-departmental	Support new low-carbon development of the marina village in Barrow	In Progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health, Green Growth
23L	The way we live	Flood Management Team	Deliver the Cumbria innovative Flood Resilience (CiFR) programme through working with communities	In Progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Rurality, Health
24L	The way we live	Flood Management Team	Hold coastal flood forums in each locality to engage with the public on local coastal risk.	In Progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health, Equality
25L	The way we live	Communications	Continue delivering a quarterly Environment and Climate Change newsletter	In Progress	Involving, engaging and communicating	N/A

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1W	The way we work	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Implement the Carbon baseline strategy for decarbonising the Council Estate	Long Term	Direct Control	Health, green growth
2W	The way we work	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Replace the fossil fuel and electric resistive heating systems with low and zero carbon technology in targeted buildings.	Long Term	Direct Control	Health
3W	The way we work	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Continue upgrading all lighting to LED in Council buildings	Short Term	Direct Control	Health, green growth
4W	The way we work	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Establish a Carbon Baseline for scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions for Westmorland and Furness. Use this baseline to create route maps to achieve the Net Zero Targets.	In progress	Direct control	Green Growth
5W	The way we work	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Engage with the Council's procurement supply chain on carbon reduction and sustainability, including a sustainable supply chain workshop	Short Term	Direct control	Green Growth
6W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Ensure all council events have vegan food options	In progress	Direct Control	N/A
7W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Develop a Carbon Literacy programme for all staff, aiming to be silver accredited by the end of 2025.	Short Term	Direct Control	N/A
8W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Set up a Climate Change and Nature programme to drive change throughout the organisation	Short Term	Direct Control	All
9W	The way we work	Community Infrastructure	Develop plans to decarbonise all swimming pools and support leisure facilities to implement necessary measures by 2037	Long Term	Direct Control	All
10W	The way we work	Community Infrastructure	Develop the Green Libraries framework by using the principles set out in the CILIP Green Libraries Manifesto and implement at libraries across Westmorland and Furness.	Short Term	Direct Control	All

11W	The way we work	Corporate Policy	Produce a Climate and Nature impact assessment tool which will be implemented for council projects, reports and key decisions.	In progress	Direct Control	Green Growth
12W	The way we work	Cross-departmental	Integrate climate and nature ambitions into the delivery of government funding, such as UKSPF, Levelling Up, Boderlands and Town Deal.	Short Term	Direct Control	Green Growth
13W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Continue to monitor funding opportunities and explore their feasibility	In progress	Direct Control	All
14W	The way we work	Human Resources	Encourage staff to use active travel through the implementation of a green travel protocol	Short Term	Direct Control	Health/ equality
15W	The way we work	Human Resources	Embed climate change and nature into the job descriptions and induction process for new starters	Short Term	Direct Control	All
16W	The way we work	Human Resources	Encourage and monitor the completion of the Climate Change Core Essential Learning module for all council staff.	In progress	Direct Control	All
17W	The way we work	Performance Management	Create a live source digital dashboard enabling the Council to monitor it's own carbon emissions	Long Term	Direct Control	All
18W	The way we work	Performance Management	Incorporate the Net Zero target into the Council's Key Performance Indicators	Short Term	Direct Control	All
19W	The way we work	Procurement	Develop the Procurement Strategy to include reference to Directorates informing and influencing supply chain decarbonisation.	Short Term	Direct Control	All
20W	The way we work	Procurement	Develop a cross-departmental working group to devise a plan to reduce scope 3 emissions from procurement	Short Term	Direct Control	All
21W	The way we work	Procurement	Following the completion of the Carbon Emissions Baseline - consider the impact of the same on the goods and services and agree next steps, including revision of strategy, policy and process.	Short Term	Direct Control	All
22W	The way we work	Finance	Deliver the updated responsible investment policies into the Finance framework	Short-Term	Direct Control	All
23W	The way we work	Green Growth	Implement a Climate Change impact and opportunities assessment in all growth and town centre deals to maximise sustainability benefits	Long Term	Place Shaping	Green Growth
24W	The way we work	Green Growth	Encourage the creation of Green Jobs and support the provision of green skills training for existing jobs.	Long Term	Place Shaping	Green Growth
25W	The way we work	Community Infrastructure	Publish a Sustainable Events Guide to set out the council's vision to running sustainable events. Establish a sustainable framework criteria for events of over 250 people which all organisers will have to meet	Short Term	Partnership	Green Growth
26W	The way we work	Community Infrastructure	Provide technical support for community assets to develop decarbonisation plans, bid for funding and implement measures	Short Term	Partnership	All
27W	The way we work	Cross-departmental	Support the ZCCP's sector groups and wider work	In progress	Partnership	All
28W	The way we work	Cross-departmental	Encourage inward investment, business growth and the delivery of new commercial and residential developments that can provide inclusive, green and sustainable growth. This includes investment in innovative and green industry sectors such as clean and renewable energy.	Long Term	Partnership, Direct Control	Green Growth
29W	The way we work	Cross-departmental	Support the delivery of the Borderlands Energy Investment Programme	Long Term	Partnership	Green Growth
30W	The way we work	Education	Work in partnership with schools to adapt the national low-carbon toolkit for schools and create a support offer for schools to reduce carbon emissions.	Short Term	Partnerships	Green Growth
31W	The way we work	Green Growth	Funding and supporting a new £571 k UKSPF Green Enterprise Hub Business support programme with CAFS	In progress	Partnership	Green Growth
32W	The way we work	Green Growth	To work with Cumbria Tourism on how to reduce emissions from the visitor economy	Long Term	Partnership	Green Growth
33W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Work with the ZCCP on developing a Westmorland and Furness area wide emissions dashboard	Short Term	Partnership	All
34W	The way we work	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Explore opportunities of green finance, green energy and schools buidlings survey to decarbonise schools	Short Term	Partnerships	Equality, Green Growth, Health
35W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Support partners in engaging with the public, local schools and youth organisation on the importance of Biodiversity and Climate Change.	In progress	Partnership	All

36W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Work with the Pathfinder Places partnership to explore innovative green finance mechanisms	In progress	Partnership	Green Growth
37W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Support local community groups with funding from the 2023 Climate and Nature partnership fund, and to explore future opportunities for funding.	In progress	Partnership, Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	All
38W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	The Council will engage with the Furness Borough and Kendal Town citizen juries	In progress	Involving, Engaging and communicating	All
39W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Engage with Parish and Town Council's to ensure joined up initiatives for decarbonisation. For example developing a Climate Change Parish and Town Council toolkit	Short Term	Involving, Engaging and communicating	Rurality
40W	The way we work	Climate and Nature	Ongoing engagement with the public and community groups on our climate action.	Short Term	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	All
41W	The way we work	Communications	Develop a communications and engagement strategy for Climate and Nature	Ongoing	Involving, engaging and communicating	N/A
42W	The way we work	Community Infrastructure	Continue to encourage Climate Change reading groups and promote to younger audiences	In progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Equality
43W	The way we work	Community Infrastructure	Utilise Council-owned public buildings to engage residents on positive climate messages.	In progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	N/A
44W	The way we work	Cross-departmental	Integrate low carbon energy and biodiversity into the work of Team Barrow	Long Term	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Green Growth
45W	The way we work	Education	Explore opportunities to promote Eco-Schools programme, and aim for 30% of schools to join this programme by 2028	Short Term	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Green Growth

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1T	The way we travel	Community Infrastructure	Ensure walkways, cycle lanes and bike storage to /at Council buildings (such as leisure centres and libraries), parks and playing pitches are well-maintained and clear, to encourage active travel to facilities	Ongoing	Direct Control	Health
2T	The way we travel	Sustainable Transport	Prepare a new local transport plan for Westmorland and Furness	Long Term	Direct Control, Place Shaping	Health
3T	The way we travel	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Implement a fleet management software across the Council which will monitor usage, mileage and will provide optimise routes to reduce mileage.	In Progress	Direct Control	Green Growth
4T	The way we travel	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Develop a fleet decarbonisation strategy.	Short Term	Direct Control	Health, Green Growth, Rurality
5T	The way we travel	Highways	Deliver on £4.3 Million LEVI funding for EV infrastructure.	Short Term	Direct Control	All
6T	The way we travel	Highways / Corporate Policy	Implement the 20MPH policy and to analyse the carbon saving benefits	Long Term	Direct Control	Rurality, Health
7T	The way we travel	Highways and assets	Upgrade all streetlighting to LED and smart systems to reduce energy and for the benefit of dark skies.	In Progress	Direct Control	Health, rurality, equality
8T	The way we travel	Human Resources	Review the Council's essential car user policies and explore incentives for staff electric vehicle usage.	Long Term	Direct Control	N/A
9T	The way we travel	Human Resources	Continue to offer, promote and improve staff cycling to work schemes.	In Progress	Direct Control	Health

10T	The way we travel	Human Resources	Review, and if viable expand the council's electric pool car fleet.	Short Term	Direct Control	N/A
11T	The way we travel	Active Travel	Continue to seek funding to deliver Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) and building our evidence base for projects and schemes.	In Progress	Place Shaping	All
12T	The way we travel	Sustainable Transport	Local Travel Plans to require monitoring carbon emission linked with our transport as well as the impact of our policies within the plan.	Long Term	Place shaping	All
13T	The way we travel	Green Growth	Active travel investments around Westmorland and Furness including town centres and rural areas	Ongoing	Place Shaping	Health, Green Growth
14T	The way we enhance nature	Highways	Trial dark skies switch off campaigns in towns / villages across Westmorland and Furness	Long Term	Place Shaping, Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Rurality
15T	The way we travel	Planning Policy	Promote patterns of development that minimise the demand for travel and ensuring that new development are walkable and cyclable.	Ongoing	Place shaping	All
16T	The way we travel	Active Travel	Explore opportunities to invest and work with partners on micro-mobility schemes.	Long Term	Partnerships	Health, Green Growth
17T	The way we travel	Climate and Nature	Deliver on the council's EV strategy through working with partners. Develop and approve Part 2 of the EV strategy by June 2024.	Short Term	Partnership	Green Growth
18T	The way we travel	Communications	Provide advice for residents and businesses on the EV infrastructure in the district	Ongoing	Involving, engaging and communicating	Green Growth
19T	The way we travel	Transport	Produce a campaign on vehicle idling	Short Term	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health
20T	The way we travel	Transport	Develop the active travel digital platform (Travel Actively Westmorland and Furness) to encourage and engage residents with cycling, walking and wheeling	In Progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health
21T	The way we travel	Transport	Provide time-limited financial assistance to support schedule bus services	In Progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health
22T	The way we travel	Transport	With appropriate funding and consents increase the number of active travel routes	Long Term	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health
23T	The way we travel	Active Travel	Promoting active travel in Barrow through the Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot (2022 - 2025)	In progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health
24T	The way we travel	Active Travel	Delivey of an annual Bikeability programme	Annual	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health

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1U	The way we use things	Climate and Nature	Deliver phase 2 of the Pathfinder Places project, exploring the principles of circular economy	Short Term	Direct Control	Green Growth, Rurality
2U	The way we use things	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Monitor and actively work to reduce waste within council operations	Short Term	Direct Control	Health, Green Growth
3U	The way we use things	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Monitor and actively work to reduce energy in buildings by implementing building management methods (e.g. heating system timers, PIR Sensors, etc).	Short Term	Direct Control	Green Growth, equality

4U	The way we use things	Human Resources	Establish an office refreshment budget and purchase in line with demand to minimise food waste within council offices	Long Term	Direct Control	Equality, Health
5U	The way we use things	Planning Policy	Explore how carbon reduction and circular economy principles can be integrated into the Waste and Minerals Local Plan	Short Term	Direct Control	Green Growth
6U	The way we use things	Waste	Optimise waste vehicle collection routes and trial EV / HVO waste trucks in Westmorland and Furness	Short Term	Direct Control	Health, Green Growth
7U	The way we use things	Waste	Develop a waste reduction action plan	In Progress	Direct Control	Green Growth, equality and health
8U	The way we use things	Waste	Map material flows within Westmorland and Furness to identify opportunities for circular economy processes.	Short Term	Direct Control, Partnerships	Green Growth
9U	The way we use things	Waste	Optimise waste vehicle collection routes across Westmorland and Furness with the aim of reducing emissions.	Short Term	Direct Control	Health, Green Growth
10U	The way we use things	Green Growth	Incorporate improved public recycling and litter bins into council regeneration developments and Public Space Improvement Projects where appropriate	Ongoing	Place Shaping	Green Growth, Rurality, Health
11U	The way we use things	Waste	Encourage a sharing economy within local communities, such as Repair Cafes, peer-to-peer networks and Library of Things.	Ongoing	Place Shaping, Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Equality, Rurality
12U	The way we use things	Waste	Develop an area-wide waste strategy to reduce waste and encourage reuse, with the aim of a 40% recycling rate in Westmorland and Furness.	Short Term	Place Shaping	All
13U	The way we use things	Waste	Develop a carbon baseline for the waste services across Westmorland and Furness	Short Term	Place shaping	All
14U	The way we use things	Waste	Continue to run public engagement events on waste reduction to encourage circular economy practices and explore innovative ways to communicate to residents.	In Progress	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Equality, Rurality
15U	The way we use things	Waste	Introduce provisions for waste from tourism - e.g., ensure tourists can access waste disposal sites.	Long Term	Place Shaping, Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Green Growth

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1E	The way we produce energy	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Develop a residual emissions strategy	Short Term	Direct Control	Green Growth
2E	The way we produce energy	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Explore commercial opportunities to develop Council own energy.	Long Term	Direct Control	Equality, Green Growth
3E	The way we produce energy	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Explore opportunities for council-owned Wind energy.	Short Term	Direct Control	Green Growth
4E	The way we produce energy	Corporate Assets, Fleet and Capital Programme	Identify roof mounted solar opportunities on council property which would generate return on investment	In progress	Direct Control	Green Growth
5E	The way we produce energy	Development Management	Develop planning guidance for residents on how to install solar panels.	In Progress	Direct Control, Partnership	Green Growth

6E	The way we produce energy	Capital Programme team	Actively engage with Electricity North West on grid issues; demand, peak, infrastructure and to explore opportunities to collaborate on low carbon technologies and grid innovation projects.	Ongoing	Place shaping and partnerships	Green Growth
7E	The way we produce energy	Green Growth	To have discussions to determine the council's approach to alternative energy sources including nuclear	Ongoing	Place Shaping	Green Growth
8E	The way we produce energy	Planning Policy	Promote opportunities for renewable energy through the Local Plan (Solar, Wind, hydro, etc.	In Progress	Place shaping	Green Growth, rurality
9E	The way we produce energy	Climate and Nature/ Economic Development	Work with partners to help the development of a Local Area Energy Plan	Long Term	Partnership	Green Growth
10E	The way we produce energy	Climate and Nature	Work with partners to explore options for heat networks	Long Term	Partnership	Green Growth
11E	The way we produce energy	Climate and Nature	Influence Electricity North West on grid issue, demand, peak, infrastructure and to explore opportunities to collaborate on low carbon technologies and grid innovation projects.	Short Term	Partnership	Place Shaping Partnership

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1N	The way we enhance nature	Climate and Nature	Produce a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and work with partners to implement the strategy to generate investment in nature recovery, which could have carbon sequestration potential.	Short Term	Direct Control, Partnerships	All
2N	The Way we enhance nature	Community Infrastructure	Assess council-led maintenance practices for parks, leisure pitches, cemeteries etc. to support sustainable grounds maintenance practices.	Ongoing	Direct Control	Heath
3N	The way we enhance nature	Planning Policy	Provide evidence to include green and blue infrastructure policies into the development of the Local Plan.	Short Tem	Direct Control	N/A
4N	The way we enhance nature	Arboriculture	Develop a tree strategy to support partners, residents and landowners with tree and hedgerow planting for improving natural flood management, air quality, carbon sequestration and enhancing habitats.	Long Term	Place Shaping	Health
5N	The way we enhance nature	Climate and Nature	Support seagrass conservation in the Morecambe Bay area for carbon sequestration opportunities	In Progress	Partnership	Rurality, Green Growth
6N	The way we enhance nature	Climate and Nature	Work with partners to encourage community growing and increased local food security.	In Progress	Partnership	Health, Equality, Rurality
7N	The way we enhance nature.	Climate and Nature	Support partners in landscape scale upland peatland restoration projects that would benefit habitats recovery and carbon sequestration.	In Progress	Partnership	Rurality, Green Growth
8N	The Way we enhance nature	Community Infrastructure	Engage with communities to utilise parks, verges, cemeteries and open spaces to encourage land management practices that offer co-benefits to people, nature and carbon sequestration.	Ongoing	Involving, Engaging, Communicating.	Health