

Climate Partnership – Introduction

- Can not achieve this on our own.
- Agreed to establish a cross party climate change emergency working group
- No one size fits all
- PCAN identifies 3 main types emerging
 - Independent Climate Partnership
 - Local Authority Initiatives
 - Third Sector Initiative

Independent Climate Partnership

- Area-wide partnership – City or District
- People from the **public, private and civic** sectors who **work collaboratively with the local authority** to help drive climate action.
- Independent bodies that **complement the activities of local government**
- Research and roadmaps and action based work
- Community focussed & support community involvement in decision making Climate Jury/assemblies
- Chair and vice chair and ~20 commissioners
- Supported by local university
- Range of subgroups but are now prioritising

Examples:

Leeds, Belfast, Edinburgh

Independent Climate Partnership Leeds Climate Commission

- Net Zero Carbon Roadmap
- Subgroups
- Citizens Jury
- Climate Action Readiness Assessment



Source: Leeds
Climate
Commission

1. To connect and mobilise local actors, promote partnership working and the co-production of climate action, and to extend the reach and capacity of local government;
2. To promote inclusive processes that involve and empower local actors, support meaningful representation of different groups and work towards fair/legitimate outcomes;
3. To build a sense of common ownership and shared responsibility, helping to turn an over-whelming challenge into practicable, deliverable activities;
4. To serve as an independent and trusted voice in the area, building climate/carbon literacy, acting as a critical friend and a focal point/clearing house for information;
5. To be a positive voice, emphasising how climate action can be an opportunity to deliver on other social, economic and environmental objectives;
6. To strengthen the evidence base and commission, prepare, support and/or promote the adoption and delivery of local climate action plans;
7. To inform, guide, support and track progress towards appropriate local climate targets and promote transparency;
8. To review current activities, celebrate successes and promote the replication/scaling up of different forms of best practice;
9. To provide neutral spaces for the review of different issues, and publish position papers on contentious issues to support informed, balanced debate;
10. To provide on-going, longer-term support for climate action that spans electoral cycles and variations in public awareness and business support

Source: Leeds
Climate
Commission

Local Authority Initiatives

There are a range

- Councillor led groups with cross party representation and supported by a range of officers.
- Mixture of council and key partner organisations, with a range of officer support.
- New partnerships with the council and key partners but with an independent Chairperson.
- Independent v advisory to councils
- Secretariat support by the council
- Priorities and keeping focussed
- Examples: Portsmouth, Telford and Wrekin Borough Climate Change Partnership, Bradford

Aims:

- Share best practice and look for opportunities to develop joint initiatives
- Develop and own a carbon baseline for the Borough
- Develop and own a Carbon Neutral Action Plan for the Borough
- Promote the existing Climate Change initiatives going on in the community
- Encourage organisations from different sectors to commit to reducing carbon emissions
- Engage with different parts of the community to gather new ideas on climate change initiatives
- Organise a number of community events/action days.

Source: Telford
and Wrekin
Council

Third Sector Initiatives

- Third sector led
- Independent bodies that complement the activities of local government
- Extend their reach and build capacity
- More community focussed and hold a range of participatory sessions to support community involvement in decision making.
- Strong focus on social justice and just transition
- Examples: Somerset Climate Action Network or the North of England Climate Coalition

Conclusion

- No right answer - needs to be bespoke
- Mobilise key players – not too many
- Resources to establish and maintain partnership
- Prioritise
- Community participation is key – get mandate for the work
- Just Transition
- Work with Torbay and not do it to Torbay