

Annual Report 2021/22 – Appendix 2

Co-Directors Update on YHCC 23 Actions in Climate Action Plan
As presented to the main Commission in September 2022

YHCC SPECIFIC ACTIONS: PROGRESS UPDATE #1

Specific Action Number	Action theme	Action detail	Resource Dependencies A = YHCC Team B = Collaboration C = Funding req'd	Panel Session contributing to actions				Previous Status (RAG)	Current Status (RAG)	Commentary Qtrly reflection/updates from Co-Directors
				Climate Adaptation & Resilience Panel	Land Water Nature Food Panel	Net Zero Panel	Future Economy Panel			
A	On the need for action:	the commission will continually make the case for urgent action on climate and nature whilst providing a positive vision of how such action will make the region a better place to live and work	A						Draft letter to new Prime Minister, key Dept Ministers (once Cabinet confirmed) and Permanent Secretaries highlighting our top priorities for national action/support has been drafted for Commissioners consideration. In July we gave a 5 minute national media interview on Channel 4 news, focussed on adaptation and resilience.	
B	On equity and inclusion:	transition plan that maps the links between climate change and inequality and that assesses the ways in which action on climate and nature can help to tackle (and certainly not exacerbate) existing inequalities in the region	A, B	X	X	X	X		Work on this will commence in September 2022	
Ci	On community involvement:	the commission will develop a Citizens' Forum to enable diverse voices to shape the climate debate	B, C	X	X				We will use the Common Place platform to enable public engagement and debate on the work of the Commission and the output of the panels' Delivering Impact Sessions. The C&E Panel will promote this through a broad range of community networks.	
C.ii	On community involvement:	and explore ways of developing a regional network of Community Climate Champions	B	X	X				The Communities and Engagement Panel have been reviewing its focus and membership, and have developed a 'Climate & Faith' event in Spring 2023 to broaden the conversation across Yorkshire.	
D.i	On education and awareness:	awareness: the Commission will explore ways to further integrate climate and nature into the curriculum in schools, colleges and universities	B, C	X					Work on this will commence in September 2022	
D.ii	On education and awareness:	Develop an online, open access Climate Leadership Programme.	B, C	X					Work on this will commence in Spring 2023, and early scoping work is already underway with Yorkshire Universities, and other partners	
E	On leadership and capacity building:	the Commission will bring forward a Climate Leaders' Pledge to promote ambitious actions in key organisations across the region, including by putting climate and nature at the heart of their decision making processes and assessing their climate readiness.	A, B	X			X		A 'Pledge Task and Finish Group' has met once and has provided excellent steer and input into the framework development. Work on this will accelerate now we have resource on place. We have met with the chair of the private sector Climate Action Coalition and are collaborating with them to see how & if the pledge can be aligned to their work, giving the pledge a life beyond the current YHCC timeline.	
F	On jobs and skills:	work with skills providers, businesses, trade unions and workers to develop and enhance access to climate and nature related training across the region.	B	X	X	X	X		Work on this will commence in September 2022.	
G	On health and wellbeing	work with health professionals to develop an outline strategy on how to address the climate and nature and health and wellbeing agendas in a joined up way to make a tangible difference for the most vulnerable people in our society	B	X	X				The Climate Adaptation & Resilience Panel has a plan to develop this outline strategy, with strong input from the Integrated Care Systems in the Region, and the Association of Directors of Public Health.	
H	On innovation and best practice	complete an audit of the science and innovation activities related to climate and nature in the region (A) and will work to develop a climate innovation network to enable the incubation, demonstration and replication of best practices	B						Work on this will commence in September 2022.	

YHCC SPECIFIC ACTIONS: PROGRESS UPDATE #2

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I	On finance and investment:	work with the finance sector to explore ways to develop a climate and nature finance platform for the region, supporting community investment in regional climate action wherever possible	B	X			X			Work on this will commence in September 2022
J	On economic development	work with local authorities and others to develop an outline economic plan for the region that demonstrates how climate and nature can be fully integrated into our economic development activities	A	X	X		X			Work on this will commence in September 2022
K	On business	seek to promote the integration of climate and nature into business support and mentoring initiatives, including through the supply-chain and purchasing policies of larger organisations.	B	X			X			Work on this will commence in September 2022, aligned to the Climate Pledge.
L.i	On nature and biodiversity	develop an outline strategy for nature-based solutions and blue-green infrastructure for the region	B, C	X	X					Following discussions with the LWNF Panel and Chair, it is proposed that this action will become combined with Action M. This will be decided by the leadership group following the Sept. Commission meeting's 3in60 session on Land Use.
L.ii	On nature and biodiversity	helping the region to establish local nature recovery networks and maximise the benefits of biodiversity net gain requirements. It will also explore ways of developing a Yorkshire and Humber Nature Service.	B, C	X	X					Work on this will commence during Q3 2022/23, but it is important to emphasize that progress will depend on partner interest & capacity to collaborate & develop the idea further.
M	On land use and farming	work with others to develop an outline action plan on land-use change, considering how to protect and enhance the natural capital of the region such as moorlands, peat bogs, grasslands, soils, woodlands, wetlands, flood and coastal zones in a way that promotes net zero, climate resilience and the conservation of biodiversity and where appropriate sustainable food production.	A, B	X	X	X				Following discussions with the LWNF Panel and Chair, it is proposed that this action will become combined with Action L.i. This will be decided by the leadership group following the Sept. Commission meeting's 3in60 session on Land Use.
N.i	On climate risks and resilience	work with our local resilience forums to help incorporate climate risks into wider resilience strategies	A, B	X						YHCC team are working with the Environment Agency and the LRF secretariats, on an approach that responds to, and embeds, the latest national climate risk assessment. Delivering Impact Session scheduled for April 2023.
N.i	On climate risks and resilience	promote the development and spread of best practice in adaptation and the wider application of new approaches to climate risk assessment, management and communication, especially for businesses and infrastructure providers	A, B	X			X			The Climate Resilience Panel and YHCC team have identified three clear pathways to enable this: 1) developing a programme to support c.8 local authorities to work through a Climate Adaptation Toolkit; 2) supporting businesses that sign the Climate Pledge, using or creating if one doesn't exist, a business focussed toolkit, and 3) Impact and Delivery session on Infrastructure in December 2022.

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O.i	On net zero targets	recommend the adoption of five-yearly carbon budgets and that the regional climate target is expanded to include emissions from aviation and shipping	A			X				Aviation Position Statement developed & ready to be published, recommending, amongst other key actions, that the Government develop an Aviation Strategy in line with the 6 th Carbon Budget. (noting that the recently published Jet Zero strategy does not meet this standard).
O.ii	On net zero targets	introduce a transparent monitoring framework and annual reports on progress towards net zero.	A			X				
P.i	On energy	seek resources to develop a regional area energy plan (or a nested set of local plans)	C	X		X				Early conversations and watching brief on new UKRI project focused on local area energy plan development about to be commissioned (Sept 22)
P.ii	On energy	work with others to support the development of smart, flexible energy networks, wider adoption of community energy initiatives, and the adoption of the highest sustainability standards for all energy sources.	B	X		X	X			Net Zero Panel to discuss at next meeting
Q.i	On homes and buildings	work with others to support ambitious (net zero and resilience facing) retrofit schemes for council, social, private-rented and owner-occupied housing	B	X		X	X			Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for October 2022
Q.ii	On homes and buildings	along with the application of area-wide retrofit schemes	B	X		X				Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for October 2022
Q.iii	On homes and buildings	the development of best practice guides for the retrofit of heritage buildings	B			X	X			Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for October 2022
Q.iv	On homes and buildings	the adoption of quality assurance schemes for retrofit activities	B			X	X			Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for December 2022
Q.v	On homes and buildings	promote the application of the highest whole-life standards for new buildings	A, B	X		X	X			Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for December 2022
R.i	On transport	spread best practice on active travel, public transport and low emissions vehicles	A, B	X		X				Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for May 2023
R.ii	On transport	explore how we can adopt behavioural interventions that shape transport choices (including on aviation) across the region	A	X	X	X	X			Delivering Impact session focus developed & scheduled for July 2023
S	On lifestyles and consumption	develop and publish consumption-based carbon accounts and to develop a menu of options on how we can best address our consumption-based carbon and ecological footprint	A		X	X				
T.i	On research and evidence	seek to develop a regional climate observatory that will assess risks, analyse policies, scan for best practice and that will develop a Sustainable Progress Index for the region	C							Work on this will commence during Q3 2022/23 with Yorkshire Universities & the Research & Evidence Panel.
T.ii	On research and evidence	work to establish a regional climate summer school and internship programme to enable postgraduate students to conduct their dissertations with/for the Commission	C							Work on this will commence during Q3 2022/23 with Yorkshire Universities & the Research & Evidence Panel.

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U.i	On collaboration	work to identify and map the organisations and collaborations that have critical roles to play in responding to the climate emergency	A						Work on this has stalled due to needing to provide a strong focus on setting up the Delivering Impact Sessions and developing the Climate Pledge. Work on this will commence in earnest during Q3 2022/23.	
U.ii	On collaboration	enable the Commission to build new collaborations where they are needed and to support and strengthen existing relationships	A, B						<i>This action follows on from U.i.</i>	
V	On regional policy and planning	work with combined and local authorities across the region to explore how best practices in policy and planning can be consistently developed and applied across the region.	A, B	X	X				A forward look of sessions has been developed to enable strategic planning and engagement, and strong alignment between the YHCC Panel Delivering Impact Sessions and the Regional Policy Forum	
W	On national policy	press national government for the policies that we need to deliver on our regional climate ambitions, for example on planning and new build standards, on policies for (net zero and resilience facing) retrofit, on policies for agriculture and land management and on the need for a national aviation strategy that is consistent with the 6th Carbon Budget.	A, B	X					Draft letter to new Prime Minister, key Dept Ministers (once Cabinet confirmed) and Permeant Secretaries highlighting our top priorities for national action/support has been drafted for Commissioners consideration. We will seek to engage the Y&H APPG on these priorities during Q3 2022/23.	