

Progress Overview template for the 23 Specific Action for the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission

Specific Action Number	Action theme	Action detail	Resource Dependencies A = YHCC Team B = Collaboration C = Funding req'd	Panel & Working Groups contributing to actions				Previous Status - Q1 (RAG)	Previous Status - Q2 (RAG)	Current Status - Q3 (RAG)	Q3 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							We have co-hosted the YF Climate Summit, with a follow on 12 case supplement and excellent social media coverage. This year's event reflected all four aims of the YHCC effectively, and provided a great platform to launch the Climate Action Pledge.  We are also building important collaborations with national partners like the NEC, and building networks across the north, like with NP11, Nature North and Manchester Climate Change Agency.  And we have taken up requests for media coverage where possible.	
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			Scoping work is underway.	
C	On community involvement:	the commission will develop a Citizens' Forum to enable diverse voices to shape the climate debate	A	X	X					Common Place has been launched with the first two DI Session outputs: Sustainable Food & Retrofit (housing).	
C.II	On community involvement:	and explore ways of developing a regional network of Community Climate Champions	B	X	X					Work is underway to define what we mean by 'Community Climate Champions'. Programme of events with Yorkshire Local Councils Association beginning in January 2023, and Faith event planned for Spring 2023, both of which will help develop community networks, providing opportunity to share key messages and seek insight on the challenges they face (as well as support and action is needed).	
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						collaborating with a Commissioner on UK Schools Sustainability Network Exploring opportunities to support Schools Climate Education South Yorkshire Opportunity to support FiuOurFoods schools network through LA connectors	
D.II	On education and awareness:	Develop an online, open access Climate Leadership Programme.	B, C	X						As the YHCC team are working through the first round of DI Sessions, whilst managing other commitments, it is becoming clear that this might be beyond existing capacity to deliver.	
E	On leadership and capacity building	the Commission will bring forward a Climate Leaders' Pledge to promote ambitious action in key organisations across the region, involving by putting climate and nature at the heart of their decision making processes and assessing their climate readiness.	A, B	X		X				Climate Pledge launched at Yorkshire Post Climate Summit and first signatories made. Development of an ongoing engagement campaign in progress. Supporting framework required around the pledge is being sought. This requires careful consideration to get the balance right, celebrating success and utilising strong climate leadership to support action within other businesses across the region. A pledge steering group will be established.	
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 follow Regional Policy Forum & relevant DI Sessions so direction is appropriately informed	
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					Scoping session with key stakeholders from across the region held in October (Besp of event on YHCC Website), and further links with ADO/PH and JCBs developing well	
H	On innovation and best practice	complete an audit of the science and innovation activities related to climate and nature in the region (A)	A							Scoping work has been delayed due to volume of work associated with DI Sessions and other major events in the last quarter.	
H.II	On innovation and best practice	and will work to develop a climate innovation network to enable the incubation, demonstration and replication of best practices (B)	B							Scoping work has been delayed due to volume of work associated with DI Sessions and other major events in the last quarter.	
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				Whilst further scoping is required, considerable movement is being made within this area, by Commissioners, and other key partners (e.g. Nature North, Fiu) in development to reconvene a conversation with key partners during Q4.	
J	On economic development	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				DI session planned plus potential RPF session	
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				This action will be picked up and supported by the Climate Action Pledge Steering Group.	
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					Revised action, combining this action with Action M, to be confirmed with LWNF Panel. Programme of LWNF and CAR DI Sessions will provide the outcome in a more impactful and strategically effective way.	
L.II	On nature and biodiversity	helping the region to establish local nature recovery networks that realises the benefits of biodiversity net gain requirements. It will also explore ways of developing a Yorkshire and Humber Nature Service.	B, C	X	X					Progress on this action depends on secretariat capacity and on further 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. It is a way that promotes net zero, climate resilience and the conservation of biodiversity and where appropriate sustainable food production.	A, B	X	X	X				Revised action, combining this action with Action M, to be confirmed with LWNF Panel. Programme of LWNF and CAR DI Sessions will provide the outcome in a more impactful and strategically effective way.	
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, including supporting the NLRP Gold Symposium, and working with the YH CCs on positioning of this work within their ways of working. Delivering Impact Session scheduled for April 2023.	
N.II	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				Climate Adaptation Programme for LAEs launched in November 2022. 13 LAEs are taking part (see hope to make it the full complement of 15...). We will develop and share learning from this programme with the Climate Action Pledge Steering Group, other possible partners, and explore how a similar approach could support businesses.	
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 published.	
O.II	On net zero targets	introduce a transparent monitoring framework and bi-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	X					
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					
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				Retrofit DI Session held in October 2022, and consultation is now live on Common Place. Social Housing & Retrofit engagement work being led by Martyn Broadest and supported by the CBE Panel.	
Q.II	On homes and buildings	bring with the application of area-wide retrofit schemes	B	X	X	X				Retrofit DI Session held in October 2022, and consultation is now live on Common Place.	
Q.III	On homes and buildings	the development of best practice guides for the retrofit of heritage buildings	B		X	X				This aspect of heritage buildings & retrofit needs to be explored further, including learning from work already completed in York.	
Q.IV	On homes and buildings	the addition 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	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				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, plan for best practice and that will develop a Sustainable Progress Index for the region	C							YPERN has been launched. This is a regional policy engagement research network and is funded by Research England Development Fund, £3.8m for the next 3 years. The team will have a strong focus on levelling up, and work is underway to develop a strong alignment between this initiative and the YHCC's FE Panel and Regional & National Policy Forums.  Scoping work on the nature aspect of this action will be carried out over the coming months, exploring links with ECoFP and YWT.	
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							Collaborating with Yorkshire Universities to engage Masters students in Spring 2023 to encourage research focus that will benefit YHCC goals.	
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 Q4 22/23.	
U.II	On collaboration	enable the Commission to build new collaborations where they are needed and to support and strengthen existing relationships	A, B							This action follows on from U.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					The Regional Policy Forum continues to provide an excellent opportunity to share learning, establish best practice and mobilise existing capacity within the region effectively.	
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						This quarter we have published: Open Letter to Prime Minister Response to NZ Review Aviation Statement & shared with DfT.  We are building relationships with national stakeholders and Gov't Dept's, and re-attending the National Policy Forum	