

Appendix B: Revised Terms of Reference (tracked changes version)

Climate Partnership

Why do we have a Climate Partnership?

The Climate Partnership is a collaboration across the public, private and third sector to champion the recommendations of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate and to share progress on their implementation ~~which addressed recommendations to actors across the public and private sector. and keep progress on the recommendations under review.~~

Mission: to demonstrate local leadership and ~~ensure coherent~~, system-wide action on tackling the causes and effects of climate change. This will be managed, and through collaborative working ~~ensure an effective and immediate response across~~ within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that is fair, long lasting and appropriately timed to deal with the climate crisis.

Ways of working

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Working Group brings together representatives of key decision makers across the public, private and third sector to promote and champion collective local action on climate issues, recognising that decisions by one organisation can have impacts for others.

Each organisation, and each sector, is responsible for mitigating and adapting to climate change. They will have their own plans and strategies to do that, and control over their own resources. However, some climate change responses are bigger than any one organisation and require collaboration to scope and deliver effectively at a required scale. ~~There are also existing collaborative groups that focus on specific themes (such as the Resilience Forum, or Natural Cambridgeshire) who will need to take climate implications into account.~~

The Climate Partnership is not a separate organisation with its own budget or powers but its strength comes from the alignment of the groups' collective powers, resources and skills of its memberships.

Terms of Reference Objectives

1. To work collectively to deliver Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission for Climate's findings and recommendations ~~identify and implement action that can term~~
2. Members plan for ~~to deliver~~ early reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to remain within the global carbon allowance¹;
3. To identify, resource and implement system-wide actions that will achieve long term reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, to reach the target of Net Zero² emissions as soon as possible;
4. To work collectively to reduce-minimise the risk to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from the extremes of climate change, and to develop adaptation measures to build resilience to these ~~minimise~~ impacts;
5. To undertake its activities in a way that enables a fair transition to a low carbon future;

6. To suggest actions to better articulate climate change challenges, to increase understanding both within organisations and from a public perspective;
7. To support opportunities to co-design and develop pilot projects to test effective responses;
8. To establish and keep science-based targets up to date; and
9. To monitor, review progress against these objectives (ongoing structures to keep under review the local implications of climate change to be considered following Independent Commission's second report) and recommend corrective actions if required.
10. To ~~monitor deliver an initial~~progress of the Climate action plan 2022-25 in time to be tabled at the March 2022 meeting of the Combined Authority and to help problem solve when there are systemic barriers to delivery
11. To align mitigation and adaptation measures from the outset in order to minimise the risk of costly and damaging maladaptation

Operation

To meet a minimum three times per year.*

To be chaired by the Mayor.

To be supported by a Climate ~~Working Group (Senior Officers Group)~~Programme Board that coordinates and drives the Climate Action plan 2022-25 through the range of, ~~providing governance link to sub~~sub-groups and specialist working groups, and task and finish groups in place to deliver as required.

Secretariat to be provided by CPCA.

(no changes to Membership).