

Climate & Environment Plan Wave 1 Actions – Scope

**Combined Authority
22 July 2022**

Better Homes Hub

Scope

- Regional retrofit one-stop-shop service providing residents with information, advice, and whole house planning services.
- Ambition to deliver 7,000 – 13,000 net-zero ready retrofits and medium-term improvement plans to 2038.
- A refresh of Better Homes Yorkshire Partnership and route to market for retrofit including technologies installers and construction services.
- Medium term neighbourhood retrofit demonstrators across each Local Authority.
- A linked Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund bid with West Yorkshire Housing Partnership by October 2022.
- Aligned and complementary green skills programme (slide 11 Green skills and Training).

Better Neighbourhoods

Scope

- Programme providing support in disadvantaged communities to implement:
 - Local, clean, renewable community energy
 - Healthy, affordable and efficient buildings
 - Walking, cycling and public transport measures to increase uptake of active travel and public transport
 - Improving access to green space
 - Improving climate readiness (e.g. natural flood management)
- Targeting at least one community in each of the five West Yorkshire districts.
- Utilises existing local authority networks and connections.
- Support could take the form of officer support for project development, bid submission, upskilling local people.

Business Sustainability

Scope

- Measure plan act approach: focus on diagnostic, planning and support for resource/energy efficiency, transport, circular economy and waste, and climate readiness.
- Broader sector access with flexible solution-based approach.
- Clean growth diagnostics, carbon foot-printing, net zero and climate ready plans, brokerage to external support.
- Increased delivery team.
- Increase in the number of businesses supported with ability to support more deeply where needed.
- Larger capital grants pot managed by a specialist team.
- Includes business flood resilience grants package linked to IP3 (£2.5-5m).
- Build confidence and sustainability in our region's businesses.

Communications, Engagement & Marketing

Scope

- Investigating working with and through others to deliver a coordinated approach to the development of the overarching narrative on the climate emergency and to clearly communicate the aims, objectives and benefits of regional work to tackle the climate and environment emergencies.
- Targeted media, digital marketing and engagement support for both Wave 1 and existing programmes.
- A market research project to benchmark and measure public attitudes.
- A multi-channel behaviour change campaign encouraging people and businesses to make small changes.
- Support to help people take ownership of their own impact and engage younger audiences.

Flooding & Drainage

Scope

Programme of funding to address the funding gaps for 9 strategic Natural Flood Management projects to deliver:

- Flood resilience.
- Carbon reduction.
- Tree planting.
- Biodiversity and habitat improvement e.g. hedgerows, soil aeration.
- Improving access to green space.

Green Skills & Training

Scope

- An online Green Jobs Gateway for employers looking to offer greener roles, and individuals looking to access these roles and/or develop green skills.
- Engagement of young people in the design of future interventions, e.g Young Persons Climate Convention.
- Careers inspiration and information for all ages.
- Learner support to access green skills training.
- Employer skills support to identify and implement green employment and skills opportunities in their business.
- Employer incentives to create green jobs and/or offer training opportunities, including apprenticeships and paid internships.
- A development plan and fund to support FE colleges to train staff and develop the curriculum to provide training.

Solar Panels & Battery Storage

Scope

- 11 – 15.8 MW of solar installed.
- 50 x Solar for Schools installations.
- Solar & batteries on 1,000 – 2,000 social homes working with the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership.
- Launch a Solar Together group buying scheme for West Yorkshire residents.
- Solar on 8 of the CA's bus stations and a solar farm at Owlett Farm.
- Develop a finance offer for residents and businesses.
- Solar opportunity mapping.
- Explore solar on warehousing.