

Climate Strategy



Penrith Town Council has refreshed its approach to the Climate and Ecological Emergency with the adoption of a new Climate Strategy for 2024/25.

The Council has reflected on the role it can play in the wider climate crisis and has identified five Strategic Objectives to help contribute to the fight against climate change.

- 1. Achieve carbon neutrality for Penrith Town Council**
- 2. Engage the community on climate action**
- 3. Conserve and enhance local biodiversity**
- 4. Promote low emission transportation options**
- 5. Increase the number of green projects in Penrith**



Achievable Actions



Under each Strategic Objective, a number of achievable actions have been identified for the Council to progress over the course of the year.

1. Achieve carbon neutrality for Penrith Town Council

- Commission a Carbon Audit of Penrith Town Council
- Provide climate literacy training for all Councillors and Officers
- Work to reduce consumption of paper and other resources
- Lobby the Cumbria Pension Fund to divest its Fossil Fuel Holdings



2. Engage the Community on Climate Actions

- Produce a quarterly newsletter themed on climate related issues
- Identify, promote and make available educational material and training opportunities for use by communities – catalogue existing resources
- Identify the feasibility of a Climate Change Hub in Penrith and undertake consultation



Achievable Actions



3. Conserve and enhance local biodiversity

- Ensure the protection of green spaces and natural habitats in the possession of Penrith Town Council and as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Have the Council adopt a Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan at a meeting of Full Council



4. Promote low emission transportation options

- Lobby for incentives for the use of electric vehicles
- Work in partnership with organisations and write to central government to lobby for incentives
- Work in partnership with appropriate organisations to investigate the increase the electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Develop a policy and action plan for supporting sustainable and community transport schemes



Achievable Actions



5. Increase the number of green projects in Penrith

- Promote the Council's Grant Fund for green and climate projects
- Promote and develop new Penrith Town Council green projects
- Identify and promote walking routes around Penrith
- Invite ideas for and develop green projects
- Conduct a climate vulnerability assessment to identify at-risk areas



Penrith Town Council Climate Strategy 24/25



This booklet outlines the Council's Climate Action Plan for 2024/25.

We hope that through these achievable actions, we will be able to progress change from within the council to play a community leadership role on climate change issues.

A full detailed Climate Strategy 2024/25 can be accessed by scanning the QR Code to the side or by following the following link: <https://shorturl.at/bwA79>