

Sheffield City Council Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee –
10th November 2021

Draft 10 Point Plan for Climate Change Action – public questions/comment submitted through
Citizen Space prior to the meeting

	What is your comment or question for the Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee? (50 words max)
1.	Given that food generates around 30% of our carbon footprint, what plans do the council have to ensure that fair and sustainable food is an integral part of this 10 point action plan
2	Point 4 of the Plan states that 'We will work towards reducing Council missions to net zero by 2030'. The Council's original declaration and its Arup report talked in terms of being zero carbon by 2030. Is this plan a pivot away from zero carbon and downsizing our emissions ambitions?
3	I applaud SCC for recognising the need to take, but I see no tangible actions in any of the 10 SCC priorities listed. The greatest impact on emissions that SCC has a direct influence on is Housing which accounts for 40% of all CO2 emissions. Housing first. Fabric First
4	What is SCC 's plan to increase the amount of different types of plastics and tetra- packs that can be recycled via my blue bin collection please? I cannot take to supermarket recycling bins as I am disabled.
5	To help insulate older terraces, a simple fix that OFGEM approved years ago, but it was then overlooked in the Green Deal. Can the council use it? It is fully researched and BRS approved.
6	<p>One of the benefits stated in the 10-point plan is "Improving people's homes so they are suitable for the changing climate". The plan includes a welcome recognition of the greater progress that can be achieved by working together: "5. Bring the city together to make the changes we need".</p> <p>Q) A significant proportion of the city housing stock is terraced houses. Many of these single-brick external walls. So they leak heat and require external solid wall insulation. Particularly for terrace-houses there's a strong benefit from insulating multiple adjacent houses together - this offers a more effective solution (reduced thermal gaps), improved appearance (harmonious), and lower-costs (reduced set-up costs). What is the Council offering, or planning, in terms of facilitating or supporting multiple privately-owned adjacent terrace-house owners to work together in this way? For example, the council could offer an expert insulation-advisor to attend a meeting with residents of a particular terrace street, or the council could support the negotiation with contractors for lower-prices for externally-insulating of multiple-adjacent terrace homes.</p>
7	<p>1. Why are petrol-guzzling private SUVs, which are resource hungry and have poor fuel efficiency, excluded from the £10 charge to enter the Clean Air Zone?</p> <p>2. Why no mention of the Arup Report?</p>
8	What is the actual strategy for reducing CO2e in Sheffield. That is what specific areas have been identified as the most effective in terms of cost vs CO2e saved and SCC authority (i.e. they have the authority to implement this)?

9	<p>What do you think of the Wakefield Climate Action Plan? What aspects could usefully used in the Sheffield equivalent? Thanks https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/localplan2020/wakefield-climate-change-action-plan-ccap.pdf</p>
10	<p>Please make sure you use a committee of experts from industry and academia who have the required technical skillsets, experience and know-how to implement true carbon-saving solutions. Solution implementation is not a space for enthusiastic and passionate amateurs, you need experts to make the biggest positive impact.</p>
11	<p>How is the council going to work with other companies and businesses to ensure they are also supporting the de carbonisation agenda? i.e. will the council stop allowing high carbon products and companies to use advertising boards in the city. Will the council be clear in all its procurement e.g. that it favours business that support the decarbonisation agenda?</p>
12	<p>Cars are major emitters of harmful emissions and many journeys that people use cars for within the city are short distance and unnecessary. The problem is that walking and cycling around Sheffield neighbourhoods is not easy and often downright dangerous, especially during rush hours. To the south and west of the City Centre there are no protected 24-7 bus or cycle lanes, there are also few bus services and lanes that cross cut to facilitate lateral rather than radial bus and cycle traffic flow. What improvements are planned for active travel and bus travel in the west and southwest of Sheffield?</p> <p>School streets would be easier to apply on a city wide basis than on an ad-hoc, case-by-case basis. If car drivers expect road closures at certain times then drivers who have to drive necessary journeys will be able to adjust their journey time accordingly. Why have School Streets not been implemented across Sheffield?</p> <p>The Clean Air zone does not go far enough, neither in geographical scope nor vehicle category. Why does the CAZ not extend to Hunter's Bar which suffers from some of the worst pollution in the City? And why are private diesel cars not being charged? Currently the option of walking to a bus stop which involves crossing a dangerous road to get a bus with a very limited timetable at a cost that is more than two hours of parking in the Centre is massively outweighed by the ease and convenience and relative low cost of doing that journey by car.)</p>
13	<p>Can the council take quick, visible measures to deter driving across the city? This could come from increasing pay and display parking fees, increasing the cost of an on street parking permits, increasing fines for going through bus/tram gates. And can revenue from these be specifically ringfenced for spending on lower carbon travel?</p>
14	<p>There doesn't seem to be much about environmental impact of demolishing or facading sound old buildings and building something new from non sustainable materials such as concrete.</p>
15	<p>Is Sheffield City Council entirely abandoning the Paris Agreement, 1.5C, people of the most affected areas, and our children? The difference between blah blah blah and meeting 1.5C is measured, annual carbon budgets. Where are these?</p>
16	<p>Are there any plans to extend the super tram network to provide high quality green public transport to the south of the city? This can reduce car dependancy and make active travel safer</p>

17	The council's 10 Point Plan for tackling the climate emergency is great, but not specific enough. I believe one big change should be developing good cycling route all around Sheffield, in order to encourage cycling to replace driving.
18	Make sure it is Coproduced, with a representative from all affected groups.
19	What can be done about people who constantly have bonfires burning plastics and household waste because they refuse to recycle?
20	The focus on training elected members and senior managers in climate awareness goes against the principle of climate awareness being everyone's responsibility. Empower everyone, get all staff climate literate. Recognise the potential of employees to be ambassadors across the city by being informed.
21	Education in this matter is a priority. In my experience some individuals do not appear to understand the results of their actions. We need to be more straightforward in explaining the situation by sending out information leaflets to householders, include points on car use and bonfires in relation to emissions.
22	Empowering neighbourhoods - The Council owns many public buildings, some controlled centrally and others leased to service providers or community organisations. How about a plan to improve energy efficiency by insulating them, installing solar panels, upgrading the heating etc. Occupiers could help with this if you offer financial and practical support.
23	Good about this work, but need to act quickly.
24	The statement that the Grey to Green project has "vastly" improved the experience of pedestrians and cyclists. This is fine if you are out for a Sunday afternoon walk or ride. However, most cyclists are transiting to or from work, shopping, etc. It looks pretty but it is not really working as a transport solution. Are we going to get practical, usable cycleways and bus routes.
25	<p>Please provide better public transport, public transport, public transport, public transport, public transport, public transport and proper cycle paths. In many European cities cars are now strongly discouraged BUT public transport are plentiful. It doesn't have to be expensive trams Lots lots lots lots lots of reasonably priced buses and trains to start with so people have an alternative and SAFE cycle paths.</p> <p>Also use existing organisations like Sheffield renewables, The energy centre at Heeley city farm which are completely underfunded to help deliver programs and actions.</p> <p>Proper environmental awareness in schools which have shocking records of recycling and encouraging youngsters to waste less and endorse a better environmental mindset.</p>
26	Your plan might have been written 30 years ago. You simply lack expertise on what is needed to transition NOW. Actions are needed, NOW, not words. Strict stated and monitored criteria are needed urgently across all SCC Departments, supply chains and operations e.g. from works and materials tenders, to improve environmental performance and lower carbon emissions.
27	Why does Sheffield have less council installed electric car chargers than Chesterfield? Let alone Nottingham who have over 150 more council installed chargers and are half the size of us. Why are some of the few chargers that we do have installed situated in areas like Page Hall where the needs for that area are far greater than an electric car charger?

28	How are you encouraging the people of Sheffield to take action to meet the council targets so that we work together. I want more done on recycling plastic. Give us something practical and measurable and now to do.
29	Has a green investment bank for Sheffield been created. If so, when will it be possible to buy bonds. If not, who is responsible for driving this forward. The idea is to provide capital for retrofit etc and keep the interest payments local.
30	The future is Hydrogen, for lorries, cars buses and trains it takes time but will make a good future. Sheffield should be more than pleased by this route as the worlds largest sophisticated plant is in Sheffield. This should be supported by our city and governments.
31	Why isn't retro fitting selective catalytic reduction systems to EUROV diesel cars and vans publicised in the UK. Germany are way ahead on this. Systems can cost 3000 to 3500 euros so not for every vehicle. It would be effective for many EUROV with remaining value and makes them EUROVI.
32	please will you allow people who live in conservation areas of the city to have solar panels on their south-facing roofs? It seems stupid, given the climate emergency and your commitment to 'Improving people's homes so they are suitable for the changing climate' that this isn't allowed. Also, people are struggling to insulate their homes in the areas as the conservation material to re-roof or reglaze their property is up to 3 times the cost of materials typically used in this day and age. This means their homes aren't energy efficient and they are burning more fuel to keep them warm.
33	Can you make Kelham Island a bit more of a self sufficient neighbourhood so it has got its own park and grocery, fish meat shops variety and pharmacy and playground(!) for children (as other districts like Hillsborough or Sharrow have got) so the residents don't need to drive as much to get to other public green spaces/fresh grocers or fishmongers on the other side of the city and thanks to this reduce emissions of CO2? Also, in order for Sheffield to be a competitive city it needs a better public transport - can we improve tram timetable so trams come every 5min not 10min or 20min?
34	Will this include procurement decisions also. Given significant services remain outsourced will any future service procurements require the outsourced service be net zero in the same timeframe?
35	What's the cost to the Public Is this just not another Tax on Working Class to keep them down.
36	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals would welcome the opportunity work with and support the 10 point plan - a coordinated approach across the whole of the City would be of benefit to not only the residents of Sheffield but the wider regions.
37	The Council needs to be much more specific than these 10 points! What happened to SMART targets- deliverables by deadlines? When can we expect to see tangible proposals?
38	What can homeowners on low incomes with small houses do to improve? My home is too small for a wind turbine or solar panels. Only option to change heating is too expensive. Parking space away from my house, no driveway, so nowhere to charge an electric car. I am unable to effect any changes to help against climate change.
39	There needs a a move away from "fabric first approach " in planning applications from developers to fit heat pumps or solar panels to buildings when possible.

40	This plan is full of worthy aspirations and ideas. It is time to move beyond this to concrete action plans with measurable outcomes against which progress can be measured. We all need to listen to the younger people who are asking society to act now, and with urgency.
41	In 1973 when the city was planting trees, householders could pay for a tree to be planted outside their house (where there was space). Is there any plan to do the same now, or a fund where people could contribute for faster tree planting? Why do the council insist on having the new street lights so bright? It is very wasteful because the reflection from glass etc hasn't been taken into account, and they are too big for the size of streets.
42	Happy that this is at centre, but is it a talking shop or do you have professional and competent engineers. These can ensure you don't swap one problem for another.
43	Could we make our bus service more frequent and fares cheaper because through doing so we reduce the need to use cars. I am concerned about the amount of traffic on our roads going into the city centre. Also the amount of litter thrown down is disgraceful. It is unsightly and we are using too much paper and plastics.
44	I welcome the commitment to place climate and environmental impact at the centre of every decision by the council.
45	There's a lot of talk about electric cars and buses. In view of a recent report on carbon emissions increasing due to the manufacture of these vehicles, is encouraging the use of electric vehicles the best way forward for our City, and why? See: https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-11-03/cop26-evs-aren-t-as-green-as-you-think-the-supply-chain-is-carbon-intensive
46	No time completion dates have been put on any actions , neither a start date!
47	The worlds biggest electrolyser manufacturer is in Sheffield, when will the council accept that hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and storage is the only viable option for the climate. Demand an hydrogen highway, to give people a choice, demand hydrogen buses, taxis, lorries etc. and blended household gas heating.
48	Brilliant climate is on agenda, but 10 points are vague & insubstantial. Can robust, broad public transport system for Sheffield & environs, meaningful grants for environmental home improvements, reduction in traffic & plastic waste citywide, trees, proper recycling policy, support for local businesses, wilding & setting up citizen assemblies be added?
49	What a disappointing Climate Emergency Plan! There isn't space for a proper comment but if it was a fire emergency at the Town Hall I would be disappointed if part of the Fire Officer's plan was to "work towards" extinguishing the fire by 2030. The plan is short on any measurable targets. It's a plan to make a plan which doesn't reflect the desperate situation we're all in.
50	Feedback has been provided direct in an email
51	How much of the aimed 66% reduction in car use has been achieved in the 1000 days since declaring an emergency? Do there need to be additional reductions beyond this, to make up for lost time, and also to go beyond Arup and instead meet 1.5C?

52	Please see my email of 5 November to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, which I sent because of the inadequate space allowed here for public comment.
53	Zero emission buses. We have none in South Yorkshire and are now the only large county in the UK without them. The more we delay the more we pollute the air we all breathe with unnecessary diesel fumes and contribute to shortening the life of Sheffield citizens. What is the immediate plan to rectify this glaringly obvious omission?
54	I would like to see buses in Sheffield electrified as well as parking bays on arterial routes into the City removed so that the buses can flow freely making public transport a more sensible option than driving private vehicles. If I am walking or cycling around the city and have the misfortune to have to walk past a bus or ride behind one, it is damaging to mine and my children's health because the toxic emissions are damaging to health so I would like to see electric buses in the City.
55	Why do we STILL have no electric buses in Sheffield? Is it true that we are the only major UK city where this is true? Or is it more that we can't call ourselves a major UK city any longer?
56	When do you think the timetable for the 10 areas of action will be available for public scrutiny?
57	What practical steps and support will you provide to private homeowners to make their property's more energy efficient
58	CycleSheffield fully supports the planned 66% reduction in car usage. Achieving this will require a high quality, citywide active travel network to enable much more walking and cycling. What measures is the Council putting in place to implement this within 98 months?