

Positive Climate Partnership

Terms of Reference

July 2020

Vision

The **Positive Climate Partnership** has set the following vision for Barnsley Council:

Our vision is that by 2025 the borough will be on the path to transforming its energy use. Energy demand and consumption will be reduced, renewable energy generation will increase and by encouraging local ownership and generation the resulting structural changes will lead to a more local energy market. That the economy will have recovered from the Covid -19 impact with a focus on low carbon jobs.

Purpose and Functions

The Positive Climate Partnership will champion and co-ordinate local action on climate change. It will be supported by, but independent of, the council.

The Positive Climate Partnership is a group comprised of stakeholders, who can create partnerships which will influence the borough's pathway to net zero. It will oversee the borough's reduction through to 2030.

The partnership will:

- Report to the Barnsley 2030 on matters relating to Zero 45 (the borough's emissions)
- Monitor delivery of carbon reduction targets for Zero 45
- Provide a forum with an independent voice to co-ordinate and champion local action to tackle the climate crisis
- Help to grow the wider network of interest
- Gather and present data to inform action with a set of indicators to show if we are making progress
- Produce annual reports on local progress that consider actions taken in partnership and any gap between actual and necessary reductions in emissions
- Arrange review panels on climate strategy topics where progress is limited. These panels will review the evidence and make further recommendations for action.

Membership

The membership of the Positive Climate Partnership is set out below:

- Barnsley Council:-
 - Sustainability and Climate Change
 - Stronger Safer Communities

- Communications and Marketing
- Planning
- Business Support
- Any other service areas/directorates as necessary
- Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce
- Voluntary Action Barnsley
- Energise Barnsley
- South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
- Sheffield City Region
- South Yorkshire Police
- Environment Authority
- Key Land owners across the borough
- Yorkshire Water & other utilities
- Berneslai Homes
- Barnsley College
- Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust
- CCG
- Barnsley Doncaster and Rotherham Waste Partnership
- Barnsley Environment Network
- Faiths 4 Change
- Youth Council
- Other housing providers
- Other members TBC

Except where membership of the partnership is by position, member organisations should appoint named representatives. All members should nominate a named deputy to attend only in their absence. The full membership, including deputies, is set out at Appendix 1.

Officer Support

Officer support for the meetings will be provided as follows:-

- BMBC Sustainability and Climate Change Officer Project Manager and Officer.

Additional officers from the council and partner agencies will attend meetings on an ad hoc basis to present specific reports.

Roles and Responsibilities

Individual members undertake to:

- Champion and advocate the work of the partnership in their wider networks, locally and nationally, and in the community;
- Reflect the views of their organisation, being sufficiently briefed, able to contribute to discussions, make decisions and enact those decisions within their respective organisation;

- Identify local issues, needs, priorities and assets to inform the development of strategic intelligence and strategic planning;
- Consult about the work of the partnership to ensure a strong resident and community voice;
- Embrace a strong performance management ethos in delivering the key outcomes and priorities set out in the Sustainable Energy Action Plan;
- Act on what the partnership has agreed and be held to account for delivery within their respective organisation;
- Influence any consequent changes to policy development/ service delivery in their own organisation;
- Commit to a whole systems approach of working, including the alignment and pooling of resources where appropriate;
- Ensure that there are communication mechanisms in place within their organisation to enable information about the work and priorities of the partnership to be disseminated and to ensure decisions are fed back accordingly.

The chair will undertake to:

- Promote and encourage discussion and ensure that discussions and resulting decisions reached are recorded;
- Ensure that meetings are conducted ethically, orderly, fair and are thorough, efficient and appropriate to the vision and priorities of the group;
- Represent the views of the group locally, regionally and nationally, where appropriate.

Accountability/Governance

The partnership reports into the Barnsley 2030 Board but also has an important working relationship with the Carbon Management Group which oversees the delivery of Zero 40 within the council.

The partnership reports will include how carbon has reduced across the borough and progress made in developing and delivering transformational projects. It will also report on any related carbon issues from existing boards such as the Health and Wellbeing Board.

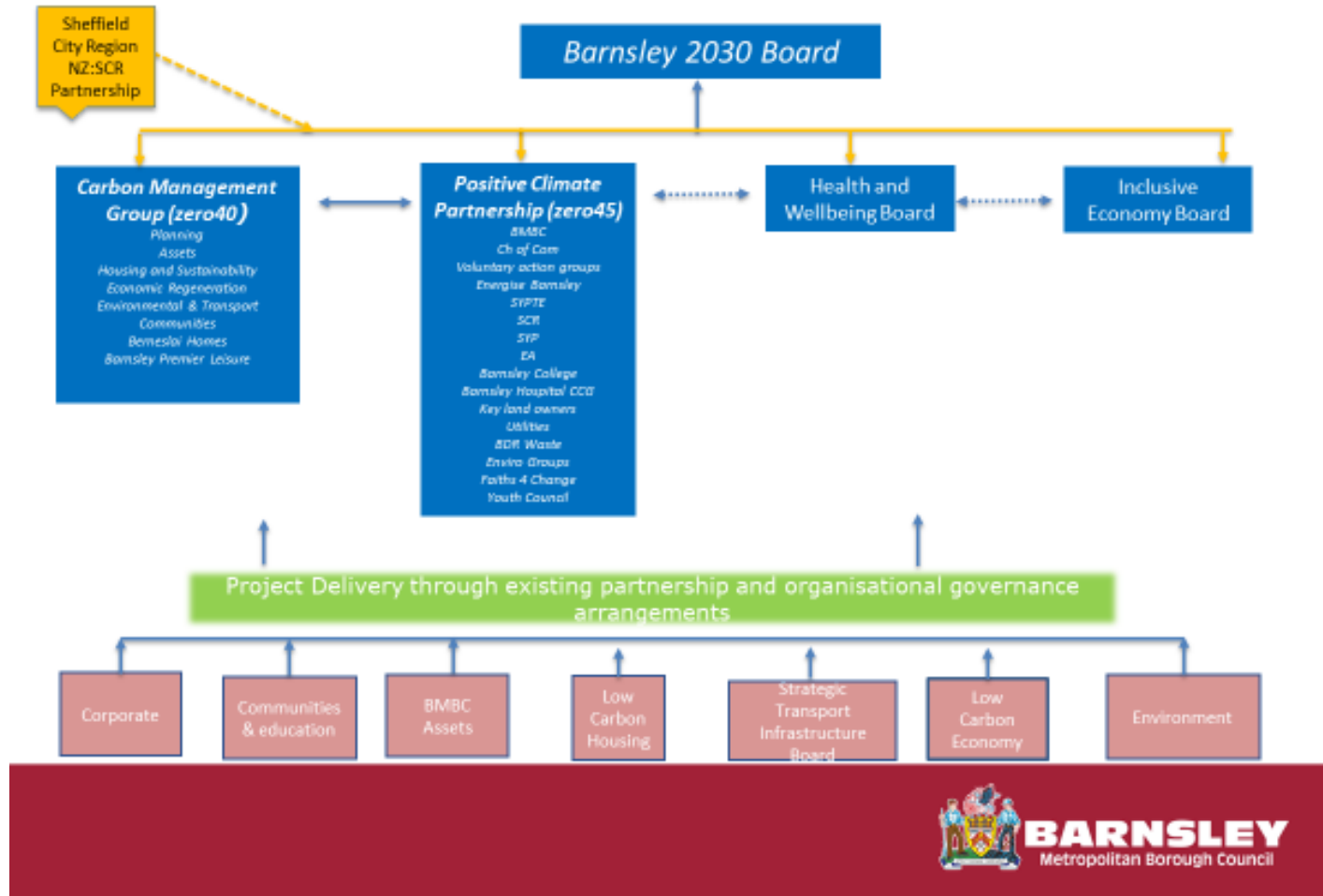
The group may establish time limited task and finish groups as it sees fit, to deliver the vision and priorities of the partnership. The structure is set out at Appendix two.

The chair of the group is the Council's Climate Change spokesperson. The quorum of the meeting will be one quarter of the membership.

Meetings will be held on a six monthly basis. Draft agenda to be agreed with the chair and reports requested 20-25 working days before the meeting with

Appendix 1: Zero 40/45 governance and delivery

Proposed Zero 40/45 Governance



Appendix 2: Membership details (to be agreed with representatives prior to the first meeting):

	Service Area	Representative	Position	Email	Deputy	Email
	Chair	TBC	TBC			
	Barnsley Council Housing, Sustainability and Climate Change	Richard Burnham David Malsom	Head of Housing, Sustainability and Climate Change Group Leader, Sustainability and Climate Change	richardburnham@barnsley.gov.uk davidmalsom@barnsley.gov.uk		
	Barnsley Council Stronger Communities	Rachel Payling	Head of Stronger Communities	RachelPayling@barnsley.gov.uk		
	Barnsley Council Communications and Marketing	Mike Cotton	Marketing Manager	michaelcotton@barnsley.gov.uk		
	Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce	TBC	TBC			
	Voluntary Action Barnsley	TBC	TBC			
	Energise Barnsley	TBC	TBC			
	South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive	TBC	TBC			
	Sheffield City Region	TBC	TBC			
	South Yorkshire Police	TBC	TBC			
	Environment Authority	TBC	TBC			
	Berneslai Homes	TBC	TBC			
	Barnsley College	TBC	TBC			
	Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust	TBC	TBC			
	CCG	TBC	TBC			
	Barnsley Doncaster and Rotherham Waste Partnership	TBC	TBC			
	Barnsley	TBC	TBC			

	Environment Network					
	Faiths 4 Change	TBC	TBC			
	Other housing providers	TBC	TBC			
	Youth Council	TBC	TBC			
	Minutes	Katie Rockett	Sustainability and Climate Change	katierockett@barnsley.gov.uk		