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Responding to the
Climate Emergency.

**Approach to the 6
month full Council
Report**

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(Extract)

Declared a '**Climate Emergency**';

Adopted a new Durham County Council target of 60% by 2030 making significant progress towards making Durham County Council and County Durham carbon neutral taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
Investigate what further actions are necessary to make County Durham Carbon Neutral by 2050 and pledge to achieve this;

Report to Full Council within six months with the actions the Council will need to take to achieve the new 2030 target and supply an initial report on what actions would be required to achieve a carbon neutral County Durham by 2050.

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**This presentation seeks
Scrutiny comments on the
approach to the 6 Month Plan**

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It won't begin with a recitation of hundreds of strategies and plans



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but rather begin by answering

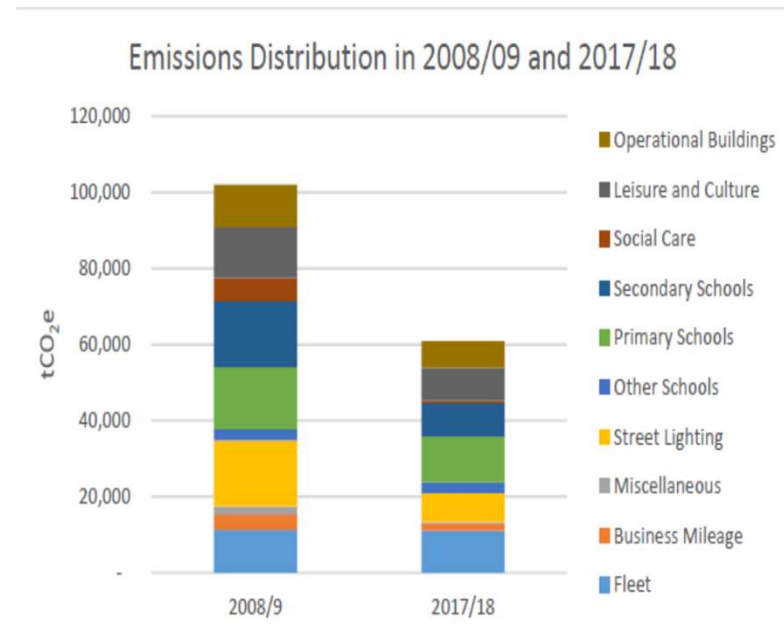


- Why is it important for:
- Residents
- Communities
- Businesses
- Public Organisations



Then provide the context

- International, National and Regional Drivers.
- Local context including what the targets mean and the scale of challenge before us.
- In 2016/17 Durham County Council had 69,377 tonnes of carbon emission (3%), the rest of the County 2,344,298 tonnes.(97%) of total emissions



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It would take stock of achievements to date.



and then come to the meat in the sandwich.



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An outline plan for how:

1. Durham County Council can meet its targets.
2. The scope of works and initiatives needed to meet the Countywide targets.

Focus Area: DCC 60% 2030 Action Plan

- **Whole Council Approach**
- Fleet – transition to low emission vehicles
- Schools – education and building improvements
- Heat retention – insulation projects
- Renewable heat generation
- Renewable electricity generation
- Eco Advocates – staff behavior. Staff and Members as residents
- Monitoring and targeting

Council action plan refined through internal workshops. Prior to July 2019

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County Durham Action Plan

Carbon neutral by 2050

Focus Areas:

- Facilitate transition to low carbon transport
- Heat retention – insulation projects
- Renewable electricity generation
- District heating schemes
- Low carbon heat generation
- Business support (BEEP)

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How we organise ourselves to achieve it

- Partnership Framework – across all sectors
- Governance and reporting lines.
- Young people engagement (already underway)
- Risk Management
- Role of Overview and Scrutiny

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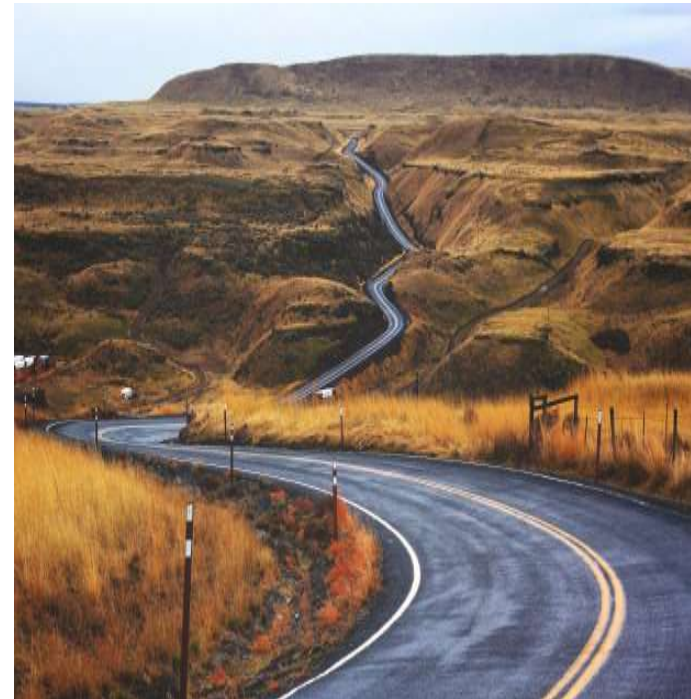
Outline Plan as Engagement Tool

Outline Plan is a start, not an end.

From the autumn a programmed series of workshops with businesses, Community groups, schools, public organisations and residents.

Have we got it right?
What is missing?
What can YOU or your organisation do?

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Summary

- As the Council contributes only 3% to carbon emissions, **success is only possible by working with others.**
- We can set the **best example** we can however, and the outline plan will illustrate the steps we need to take.
- Crucially the Outline Plan will be utilised as **a vehicle for further engagement** through external workshops to formulate more ideas and activity across the County.
- A more detailed plan can be developed thereafter, which may involve wider lobbying for regional/national changes.
- Scrutiny will have a key role in monitoring progress towards the targets, and identifying and advocating changes in policy where required.

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Members thoughts and
suggestions are welcome

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