

Item 7a. Introduction to Calderdale Council Climate Emergency Officer Forum Meetings

The purpose of the forum meetings are to connect various officers whose remit relates to climate change and environmental issues, to ensure a cohesive response across Calderdale to the climate emergency, keep abreast of the climate emergency agendas of neighbouring councils and ensure that the action plan targets align.

The meetings attended so far have made extensive reference to the 'Calderdale Emission Reduction Pathways,' (ERP), a document drawn up by low-carbon energy consultancy Element Energy, outlining the various strategies being implemented to provide a strategic framework for reducing emissions across the borough of Calderdale to achieve the Net Zero target by 2038.

The action priorities of the ERP fall under 3 main categories:

- Transport
- Buildings and Technology
- Land use and Biodiversity

Calderdale Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan priority categories are as follows:

- Buildings & Technology
- Transport, Land & Biodiversity
- Food
- People & Communities.

Many sub-elements of CMBC's action plan categories appear to overlap with the those of Todmorden Town Council's, as well as those of Hebden Royd's.