

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP (ONE BARNSLEY)

Purpose

Strategic direction for climate change and carbon reduction in Barnsley. To deliver a sustainable community, with clean attractive places to live and a high performing integrated transport system

Outcomes

- To drive climate change agenda across the borough and ensure partners take climate change seriously, reduce impact on climate change through carbon management, energy efficiency, reducing negative impact on natural environment, resulting in a low carbon environment. Key areas are the operations of partners, transport choices; energy efficiencies; ensuring communities and development are sustainable. To support delivery of sustainable homes.
- Delivery of Sustainable Community Strategy Ambitions 1 & 10 and aligned with Outcomes 1 and 10 of Local Area Agreement; *See annex for a description of these ambitions and outcomes.*
- Responsibility for developing the LAA Action Plan with regard Outcomes 1 & 10;
- Performance monitoring and reporting of National Indicator set; driving delivery of LAA action plans for the indicators; with an early focus on delivery for NI186 (CO2 emissions) and NI188 (Adapting to Climate Change), plus NI154 (Net Additional Homes). *See annex for a list of all the National Indicators assigned to the Sustainability Partnership.*
- Facilitate alignment of partner strategies to achieve a sustainable community, particularly corporate plans for climate change, investment and strategy. Test that key strategies will support the outcome of a sustainable Barnsley.

Operation & membership

The Sustainability Partnership to meet 4 times a year, with high level attendance and commitment from the partners. A direct link through membership with One Barnsley Board would be extremely beneficial.

Relevant area of responsibility with regard sustainability	Organisation/Sector	
Chair: Sustainability Specialist E.g. Academic/practitioner specialist;		1
Investment, economy and transport funding	Yorkshire Forward	1
Environmental agencies, to include flood risk/resilience and Biodiversity	Natural England Environment Agency	1 1
Environmental delivery	Groundwork Dearne Valley	1
Housing Investment & Central Strategy	Homes & Communities Agency	1
Housing Management	Barneslai Homes/housing associations	1
Renewable/alternative Energy Sector/Specialist	Local Company Energy Trust	1 1

LAA Partner; Transport Authority and Delivery	South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (SYPTA)/South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership (SYLTP)	1
Local operational transport delivery	Stagecoach	1 (1)
Local Authority	Barnsley MBC (Executive Director, Development – representing Corporate Sustainable Development Group); Barnsley MBC (Planning & Transportation – policy coordination & support for the partnership); Barnsley MBC (Cabinet Spokesperson Development).	1 1 1
LAA Partner; Delivery of healthy and sustainable communities; Significant organisation contributing to CO2 emissions in the borough	Barnsley NHS and/or Barnsley Hospital	1
Local Business	Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce	1
Young People and sustainable communities; Significant organisation contributing to CO2 emissions in the borough	Barnsley College and/or University Campus Barnsley	1
LAA Partner; Significant organisation contributing to CO2 emissions in the borough	South Yorkshire Police Authority – Barnsley district	1 (1)
Voluntary/Community	Barnsley Premier Leisure Biodiversity Trust	1 1 (1)

Sustainability Partnership Structure

Sustainability Forum

An open forum twice a year chaired by Cllr Newman, to be a living annual report and a forum to raise issues not being tackled, early themes to include environment and transport. To pose the questions: What have partners done in the borough? What hasn't been done in the borough? What should partners do? *Note: this is likely to replace the Environment Forum*

Partnership Working Groups

These will be themed task and finish groups, limited to four per year to enable them to be resourced and supported effectively to achieve clear outcomes, they should be outcomes and action focussed, with a clear link to the LAA outcomes and action plans. Possible start up themed working groups could include biodiversity, flood resilience and community infrastructure.

Governance

The partnership working groups will be part of the Sustainability Partnership family and will report as a minimum on an annual basis to the sustainability partnership. The terms of reference of the working groups will be agreed by the Sustainability Partnership, membership of the working groups is not limited to membership of the Sustainability Partnership, but will include at least one member of the partnership.

Sustainability Partnership Support

One Barnsley Secretariat

To provide support for partnership development; driving business forward and administrative support.

Corporate Sustainability Group

Barnsley MBC will be organised to provide policy support and intervention for the Sustainability Partnership through a Corporate Sustainability Group. The Corporate Sustainability Group will be the steering group for Barnsley MBC policy and actions with regard 'adapting to climate change' and 'reducing carbon emissions'. It will provide the Barnsley MBC corporate drive and policy support for a sustainability partnership, specifically to develop a revised action plan for discussion at the partnership; provide internal monitoring on action plans; and national indicator reporting. The Corporate Sustainability Group will be chaired by the Executive Director, Development and include a sustainability champion from each directorate; Planning and Transportation service as lead support; One Barnsley secretariat; and Communications. The Corporate Sustainability Group will be augmented by a series of sub-groups to drive action forward across the organisation. Planning & Transportation will provide policy coordination. Further policy officer resources outside of Planning & Transportation to be identified to support issues, to be balanced within service priorities and partnership requirements.

Barnsley MBC LAA Lead Officers are accountable for monitoring performance on National Indicator targets, including reporting into CAA and One Barnsley Performance Clinic.

Corporate Sub Groups

These will be issue focussed and may include existing groups that fit the purpose of the Corporate Sustainability Group and the Sustainability Partnership. They will report to the Corporate Sustainability Group and support the functions of that group, to include a National Indicator sub-group, with a remit to monitor performance and develop action plans as performance and policy support for Sustainability Partnership, early activity to progress an LCLIP¹ and EMS²; Flood Resilience Group; and Alternative Energy Group.

¹ A Local Climate Impacts Profile

² Environmental Management System