

Joint Community Board Working Groups progress

13th October 2023

Climate Change Joint Community Board

Goal: A Net Zero
Bracknell Forest



Key:
Working group sector
 Initial facilitator of the group (subject to discussion in initial meetings)
 Current/expected membership

Rep details



Bracknell Climate Action
Transport
 Bracknell Climate Action Group
 10 members

2 reps

Education
 Teacher and governor representatives
 8 members

2 reps

ESDP Infrastructure and Climate Sub-Group
 Economic and Skills Development Partnership
 ESDP
 c20 members

2 reps

Nature Partnership
 Bracknell Forest Council Biodiversity Team
 c20 members
 (subject to confirmation)

2 reps

Councillors
 Bracknell Forest Council
 12 members

Cllr Mary Temperton
 (Chair)
 3 reps

involve
 MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY
Voluntary, Community & Faith Groups
 Involve
 18 members

1 rep

Parish & Town Councils
 Leadership and membership tbc

2 reps

NHS
 Berkshire Healthcare
 NHS Foundation Trust
Health Working Group
 Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
 8 members

2 reps

Council Officers
 Bracknell Forest Council
 Membership tbc

4 reps



Just Transition, diversity and inclusion for climate change action

A just transition for Bracknell Forest

Bracknell Forest Council wishes to ensure that the transition to Net Zero in the borough is fair to all (a “**just transition**”) and does not disadvantage any particular group or entrench existing disparities.

Why is this necessary?

1. Because all communities need to have access to suitable low-carbon solutions in the future
2. Because disadvantaged households and communities are most at risk from the effects of climate change
3. Because addressing climate change links to other key challenges such as the cost of living crisis

What does this mean for us?

In order to ensure a fair response to the climate crisis, it is vital that all communities in the borough can participate. This is only possible with a genuinely inclusive JCB which has diverse representation.

The current JCB and working groups have limited diversity arising from attendances at the climate summits. The council is already working to address this, but **we would welcome any suggestions on what this group can do together to ensure it is an inclusive space and invites participants from a wide range of backgrounds.**





Purpose of the working groups

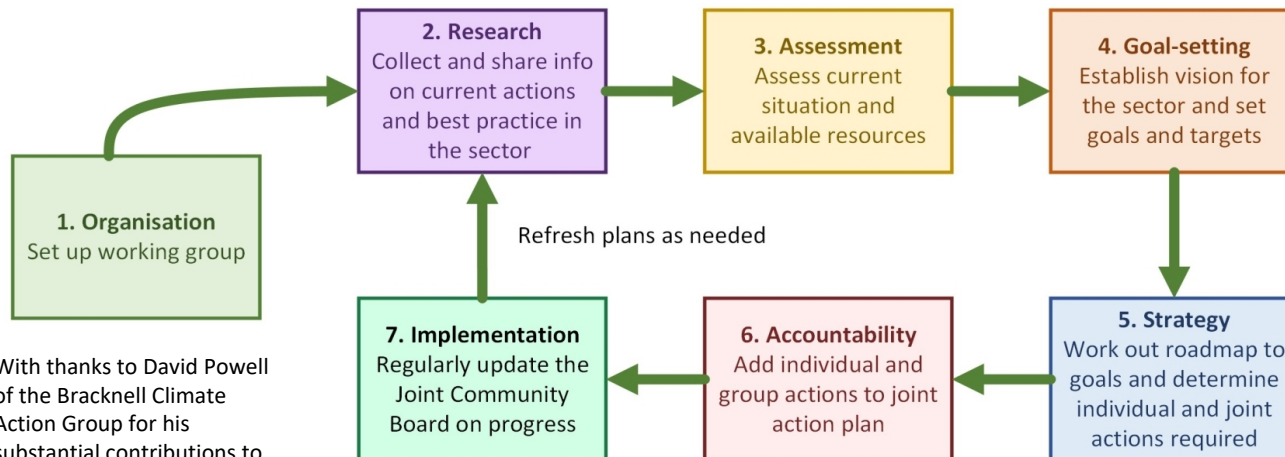
Our initial suggestions

- Share best practice in the sector and opportunities for action
- Collect updates from members on their climate actions
- Select reps to contribute to the Joint Community Board
- Take on joint projects to tackle climate change where appropriate
- Facilitation and networking

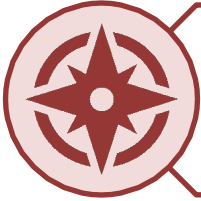
Key note:

The council will support the JCB, but the intention is for the working groups to be genuinely self-organising and community or sector-led.

Possible process for working groups



With thanks to David Powell of the Bracknell Climate Action Group for his substantial contributions to this suggestion



Discussion prompts

- Any **feedback** from meetings or information gathered so far?
- How should the working groups and JCB function going forward?
- Is it viable to run joint projects through the working groups?
- Do we want to proceed with a **joint action plan** or other forms of programme management?
- How can we make our programme of work as inclusive as possible, and ensure a **just transition**?
- Would info on **co-production** approaches (which are designed to help groups jointly develop a shared approach) be helpful?
- **Should the council circulate a Terms of Reference, framework and/or draft meeting agendas to all working groups?**
- Any other questions or points from the reps and/or initial meetings?