

Climate Change Governance Framework

Deciding Responsibility

While delivering on the objectives within the Climate Change Strategy should be everyone's responsibility, some organisations will naturally take a lead in certain areas.

To determine who is responsible for each objective, we will build a strong partnership between public and private sector organisations. We will use and strengthen existing relationships and channels of communication within York, such as the York Climate Commission.

Tracking Action

The responsibility for achieving our objectives is shared between the council, businesses, residents, visitors and other organisations.

An "owner" for each area will contribute to the monitoring and reporting framework. Owners lead and coordinate activity, identify and engage with stakeholders and report on progress.

All stakeholders delivering against the strategy will enable the benefits to be felt across the city.

Monitoring Progress

Reporting on progress is an important feature of this framework. Regular reporting will track the impact of our work and enable reflection and correction if required.

The impact of delivery will be analysed alongside progress. But emissions data alone will not be sufficient for this analysis:

1. Emissions data is published 2 years in arrears, which means that there is a time lag between project delivery and analysis of its impact
2. Emissions data is not provided at the action level, meaning monitoring the impacts of a specific project in this way is difficult, particularly if several projects contribute to emissions reductions in the same area

Instead, Key performance indicators (KPIs) that publish recent-year data can be used for measuring progress. KPIs can allow year-on-year progress to be tracked. National datasets and city-wide reporting will also be used.

We have identified suitable KPIs for the targets in our strategy. Any changes in these KPIs can inform the city's climate action. A list of these indicators and sources can be found in Technical Annex.

Reporting Annually

The final piece of the monitoring and evaluation framework is the sharing of reporting on progress in an accessible and transparent way. It is crucial for public, city-wide support that the council reports its progress publicly and transparently.

The council will report annually and make it publicly available through public meetings (Council, Executive and Scrutiny) and the York Open Data Platform.

The council will also report via CDP and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM).