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Burnley	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered?</p> <p>The council is currently on target this year to meet all of its aims to decrease the levels of household waste and increase the percentage composted and recycled.</p> <p>In the previous 2 years the council has just missed its targets so the promising start to this year must be maintained, to allow for the seasonal variations, such as the suspension of the green waste service over the winter season. The introduction of new initiatives and the continuation of existing good practice will help to keep targets on track.</p> <p>The council continues to deliver improved street cleanliness and reduce the volume of litter and detritus. For the last 2 years the council has met its NI195 targets and this year continues to build on those results with improved scores in litter detritus and graffiti. This years results follow an inspection by the regulatory body ENCAMS where the sound methodology of inspection planning for street litter grading was praised.</p> <p>Re NI186 Carbon Reduction - Progress has been very good this year on the Insulation and heating rebate schemes with budget commitments ahead of schedule for the financial year. Great Places have now completed the development in Daneshouse and a number of properties are now occupied with the photovoltaic cells contributing to help residents live a low carbon lifestyle</p> <p>Re NI187 Tackling fuel poverty - The second resident's survey is due to be distributed very shortly and officers are working with the HECA monitoring data to identify improvements across Lancashire to support NI187 and demonstrate the progress that has been made towards the target. Homes with a SAP rating below 35 have been mapped across the borough using GIS software, which will allow the Council and our partners to better identify clusters of properties for targeted action with a view to increasing grant uptake. In addition Burnley and Pendle local authorities have been working with Social Services to identify neighbourhoods with low grant take up rates to further improve our targeting of grant initiatives. The Warm Front grant mail out was completed early September and we are expecting the details soon.</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>Historically, the council has not had the data available to target all properties entitled to a green waste collection. Recent projects to map all properties on the green waste collection rounds will allow the Council to carry out targeted educational campaigns aimed at encouraging residents contained within the current garden waste rounds to access the service.</p>

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	<p>It has recently become evident that there are a number of properties within the borough who present 2 refuse bins for collection. Any additional bins are not authorized and the presentation of multiple bins by households has a negative effect on the boroughs recycling rates through decreasing the percentage of waste recycled. While significant improvements have been made in preventing properties from obtaining multiple bins, through the introduction of charging for replacements' and requiring residents to sign for the bin, existing multiple bin properties remain problematic. A further project is planned for the New Year to collect additional unauthorized bins in targeted areas.</p> <p><i>Examples of innovation / excellence:</i> Burnley Borough Councils current dry recycling rate places it 7th of the 12 Lancashire Collection Authorities. Despite budget cuts resulting in the loss of council run recycling bring sites, alternative arrangements have been sought to maintain the service and maximise the recycling rate. Agreements have been reached with the towns 3 major supermarkets for them to take over the running of the bring sites. In return for the supermarkets offering the service the council continues to cleanse the sites. This innovative approach has lead to the complete elimination of bring site collection costs to the council while preserving collection rates and maintaining service provision levels within the borough.</p> <p>The current levels of composting achieved within the Burnley places the Council 11th of the 12 Lancashire Collection Authorities. The predominance of terraced housing means that less than 50 % of residents utilise the green waste collection service. In an effort to increase the level of waste composted in the borough leaf skips have been introduced across the borough for October and November. The introduction of dedicated leaf skips for street cleansing has been highly effective in increasing the green waste collection rates. This innovative approach has not only allowed Burnley to maximise composting rates and diversion of biodegradable waste from landfill but has also had a positive effect on street cleansing by reducing sweeper down time.</p>

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Chorley	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered?</p> <p><u>Environment</u> - In April, Chorley's new waste contract commenced with a redesigned collection service for household co mingled dry recyclates. The new contract has several stretching targets to improve recycling rates as well as improved customer satisfaction with the service. To date recycling rates are performing at over 51% for the first two quarters. The Council has commenced work on a design for the kitchen food waste collection service which will ensure all households in the borough have access to a kerbside food waste collection service. We are currently operating a pilot collection service to 5000 households with gardens through the utilisation of their garden waste bins for the storage and collection of food waste. Over the next 6 months we will be consulting widely on service design options to ensure in meets the needs of customers and is deliverable within the constraints of the existing contract arrangements.</p> <p>Street cleaning performance is improving with the first tranche of street inspections showing low litter levels and improved performance on the clearance of detritus. The organisational arrangements for street cleaning operations have been revised and a new management structure is tasked with delivering further improvements in our street cleaning performance.</p> <p><u>Housing Energy Efficiency</u> - Since January 2009 Chorley Council and our Energy partner, EAGA, have carried out over 800 loft and cavity wall measures throughout the Borough.</p> <p>The Council is mindful of the need to target its resources effectively to those who are most in need and also to those who reside in areas that are defined as having higher than average deprivation indices.</p> <p>Hence we have targeted the following Council wards: Chorley SW, Chorley NE, Chorley SW and Clayton-le-woods North. All of these areas contain higher than average rates of Council Tax Benefit (Chorley Borough average CTB rate is 16% whereas the targeted wards range from 18 to 22%).</p> <p>For those householders over the age of 60 and for householders with a qualifying disability the insulation is currently offered free of charge. Owner occupiers or tenants living in the private rented sector are eligible for assistance under the Council's scheme.</p> <p>The present eligibility criteria focuses predominantly on an age-related criterion (over 60s) which is not means tested. The Council is keen to</p>

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	<p>explore alternative methods of targeting to ensure that the households in most need receive the service. Therefore a review is currently (October 2009) under way which will examine eligibility criteria.</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future? The prospects for the future look positive around the LAA Environment theme in Chorley.</p> <p>Recycling rates are up, as is street cleanliness, with plans underway to improve these two service areas (see above).</p> <p>The Chorley Partnership is still committed to tackling climate change, and has invested in a project aimed at households that emit high levels of CO₂ due to being off the main gas network, in partnership with Groundwork.</p> <p>We continue to push our business energy grants programme with SMEs in the borough to help them to reduce their energy consumption.</p> <p>The council is also developing a green Travel Plan for its staff, to encourage 'greener' methods of transport, encourage car sharing, etc.</p> <p>We are confident that a refreshed approach to the way that we provide Energy assistance will have a positive impact on fuel poor households, whilst also providing the Council with a delivery method that offers improved VFM.</p>

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Fylde	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered? What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>NI186 - The LSP Environmental Enhancement theme group has, over the last 6 months, been sub divided into 4 parts. One of these focuses on climate change measures with the focus for delivery being through Fylde Low Waste and Energy (FLoWE). A sub group of LSP partners meet every 6 weeks to progress this agenda. Recent action from this partnership includes the successful delivery of an event titled Greening Your Victorian House that was attended by a mix of local residents and North West public sector and third sector representatives. This was organised by FLoWE and the local Civic Society. A current ongoing project is to use a heat camera to raise awareness of heat loss by houses and businesses particularly targeting the Borough's main area of social deprivation.</p> <p>In addition to the two actions stated above, a key ongoing project has been to work with a local insulation installer, in partnership with the council's housing team, to proactively promote insulation door-to-door. This is supported by £10,000 additional funding from the Council's housing team. By being able to offer vastly reduced costs (£69 per measure, normally at least £150) the number of able-to-pay installations has increased despite the current economic situation which in turn supports free installation measures. This follows a similar scheme last year where 450 households had 615 measures installed. A scheme currently being worked on is to demonstrate to local HMO landlords what hard to treat measures can be installed in their properties.</p> <p>CO₂ data is not available until 2011. Recent release of 2007 data shows a drop from 9.65 tonnes per capita to 9.16. 2008 target is 8.88, based on proportional target for Lancashire (6.96% reduction on 2005 baseline year) which should be achievable.</p> <p>Within the LSP there has been an improvement in the structure of the environment group to focus on action delivery and reporting. This is having a positive impact on all environmental indicators.</p> <p>Prospects for the future - With just a single person delivering on this indicator full time, time capacity is an issue. Partners are used to help deliver actions but potential projects do not evolve as a result of this meaning that not enough time is dedicated to promoting action with businesses and on travel. Funding is also a major issue just to cover basic costs.</p>

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	<p>Partnership working is crucial to this area, from the promotion of activities to helping to deliver. Locally the partnership between FLoWE, the housing team and Home Insulation Services to promote insulation door-to-door has been a success while the organisation and delivery of the Greening Your Victorian House event could not have been delivered without support from the local Civic Society for FLoWE.</p> <p>Changes to the structure of the Environmental Theme group both in its composition and the way meetings are held has been instrumental in making the group more action focussed. This should ensure momentum is maintained going forward.</p> <p><i>Examples of anticipated innovation/excellence</i> - Use of the digital heat camera with several sectors of society including householders, schools, businesses and community groups. The way that insulation is promoted in partnership with an installer going door-to-door rather than using mass-mailout promotion.</p> <p>NI187 - Baseline data set following Government guidance & targets for each district have been set. There is good partnership working between all 12 districts and 2 unitaries regarding NI 187.</p> <p>Work is currently being completed in the Borough installing insulation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lytham and Freckleton areas currently being targeted ▪ Council is contributing £30 per loft and £30 per cavity for able to pay customers. ▪ Total amount of budget for the project £10K <p>Prospects for the future - NI187 survey to be completed this autumn Risk is – properties that have had work completed will not be part of the random survey therefore not providing an accurate picture of success.</p> <p>Measures have been installed however we are still trying to find a way of measuring the SAP rating for each of these properties as the Council does not have its own SAP software.</p> <p>The housing team is one member of staff down with no prospect of employing a replacement. There is a serious capacity issue and will impact on future performance.</p> <p>NI188 - From an LSP perspective there has been little involvement to date though it is an agenda item at environmental theme group meetings plus it is picked up by the theme group's climate change sub-group. There is likely to be more involvement by wider partners in the near future. Actions</p>

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	<p>on this theme to date have been carried out by FLoWE with a focus on the Council's own operations. Raw data for level one has been collected but not yet compiled. A literature review of existing Emergency Plan, Risk Register and Business Continuity Plan has been carried out which shows a very detailed coastal flood plan already exists but little else. Basic information on adaptation has been added to the council's website and linked to the LSP website as required for level 2.</p> <p>Current action limited to links through the website. LSP partners, through the LSP chairs group, are aware that they will need to have greater involvement in this agenda in the near future. It is expected that this indicator target to meet level 2 requirements by ends of March will be met.</p> <p>Prospects for the future – Time capacity is an issue with this agenda being added to FLoWE's workload. As a result this indicator is secondary to FLoWE's core work. The next stage of this process will be to engage with the council's risk management team and start integrating this agenda into their processes plus start LSP partners looking at this agenda.</p> <p>NI192 - Increased recycling and composting contributes to protecting environment, managing natural assets and reduced climate change, stronger communities, community engagement, 3rd sector partnership working & improved equality and diversity in service delivery.</p> <p>Year on year increased levels of performance with current level >44%.</p> <p>50% of people believe that recycling more would have a major impact on reducing UK's contribution to climate change, this reflects belief that recycling is something people can take a personal control over and make a difference.</p> <p>Focus on accessibility and appropriateness of services will lead to further development of waste collection services to address issues such as multi-occupancy buildings, sheltered accommodation, properties with limited storage facilities and assisted collections to elderly/disabled residents who cannot manoeuvre containers</p> <p>Prospects for the future - Operational resource and budgetary constraints – cessation of WPEG. Lack of funding to purchase recycling containers may result in reduced participation & recycling levels. Prioritisation of council budget may impact on service area, Lack enforcement to establish deterrent effect and accessibility issues. Other risks/barriers: Reduced resources to allow for sustained improvements, Low participation rates, Termination of waste contracts/ treatment arrangements, Market failure for recycle/composted material,</p>

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	<p>Unavailability of reprocessing facilities and Waste composition</p> <p><i>Planned actions:</i> Target education utilising partners e.g. schools. Enforcement links with police/PCSOs & Partnership working with neighbouring authorities (Wyre & Blackpool) LWP</p> <p>NI195 - Contributes to overall improvements in cleanliness and attractiveness of Fylde, and Lancashire as a whole. Strong links to crime/antisocial behaviour agenda (graffiti) and economic & investment attracted by enhanced environment & maintenance levels</p> <p>New indicator for 2008/09 based on previous BVPI 199 to provide annual performance measure of levels of general street cleanliness District measure with survey methodology able to identify problem areas. Priority areas and areas for improvement correlate strongly with super output areas. Litter/cleanliness issues apply across all social/geographical areas and is a priority issue for all residents and visitors</p> <p>Prospects for the future - Operational resource and budgetary constraints and lack enforcement to establish deterrent effect, Reduced resources to allow for sustained improvements</p> <p><i>Planned action:</i> Target education utilising partners e.g. schools and enforcement links with police/PCSOs</p> <p><i>Examples of anticipated innovation /excellence:</i> Police/PCSOs training and authorisation to issue FPNs for littering and dog fouling. Arrangements in place with Police for acquisition of PNC details for vehicles involved in littering offences to be enhanced.</p> <p>NI197 - Generally all actions are being progressed. Most progress has been achieved where funding is in place (Fylde Sand Dunes Project - <i>addresses the majority of Sand Dune habitat for Lancashire and Saltmarsh and Shingle within the Fylde Borough. Funding has been sought for a three year project primarily focusing on improving and restoring Fylde's sand dunes</i>). Other actions await the outcome of funding bids or clarification of the roles of NERN and the Natural Environment Service.</p> <p>Biological Data collection/submission is ongoing as usual but await formal start-up of Natural Environment Recording Network (NERN) and Natural Environment Service to clarify data requirements and protocols). Fylde BC contributes financially to this initiative and is awaiting formal start-up of Natural Environment Service and briefing meeting (18/11/09) to review County Biological Heritage Sites & identification of opportunities for</p>

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	<p>positive management.</p> <p>Prospects for the future - The major constraints to progress are, predictably, funding and workload capacity of the individuals/organisations involved. Some actions (water vole, pond creation, LNR provision) are highly funding-dependent, whereas others (establishing bird priorities, biological data) require time input from individuals/organisations. If sufficient funding is not forthcoming (e.g. water vole survey) we will review the action accordingly. Time constraints may affect when an action is progressed but not its ultimate completion (e.g. bird priorities).</p> <p>Partnership working is essential given the nature of the actions proposed. A potential barrier is the availability of partners, especially when trying to combine paid professional staff & key volunteers with full time jobs and thus restricted availability for meetings. This is a common problem for all LSP's and may be addressed through email discussion & occasional face-to-face meetings at mutually agreed times/locations.</p> <p>For most actions, future funding will be key to long-term sustainability e.g. exit strategy for the Fylde Sand Dunes Project, continued funding for the NERN/Natural Environment Service, funding for land management (BHS/LNR). Other actions (e.g. biological data collection) are reliant on continuing volunteer effort. These volunteers will need to be sustained via training and support to ensure a continuing supply of appropriately trained biological recorders into the future.</p>

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Hyndburn	<p>The Environment is a priority as set out in both the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Corporate Strategy and the actions contained in these are monitored rigorously through a Performance Management Framework. July's LSP Assembly meeting was dedicated to looking at our environmental commitments and discussing how to make a difference in the future.</p> <p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered?</p> <p><u>Recycling</u> - Even though recycling performance plateaued at the end of 08/09 we've still made a positive contribution to the overall success of achieving the LAA target. We are recycling 7 waste streams and every household is receiving an alternate week collection.</p> <p>During 2009/10 we will be distributing recycling bags with a velcro seal to all residents as a response to customer feedback for plastic recycling. This will hopefully improve recycling and street cleansing performance. Due to the popularity of this scheme this will be extended to the paper recycling sacks. We are also going to be using PDA's to target areas with low recycling participation.</p> <p><u>Street Cleansing</u> - We are progressing very well against these indicators. We are working more closely with parks and open spaces to re-design street cleansing timings to provide more efficient results.</p> <p>We are using intelligence-led service provision which makes the best use of the surveys to target the resources more effectively.</p> <p>We have been siding many highway verges to allow greater accessibility for the street sweepers. We have doubled the number of dog bins and have a new contract in place for emptying the bins.</p> <p>For 2009/10 we have set local targets which stretch beyond the LAA to continue to build on previous year's performance.</p> <p>Waste and street cleansing underwent the Strategic Equality Impact Assessment in August 2009. This was well attended and we received good feedback. No major issues were identified which affected the equality groups. We have consulted with the waste service focus group which has led to useful service improvements.</p> <p><u>Fuel Poverty</u> - Because of the nature of the indicator that DECC has imposed upon Local Authorities no definite statement can be made until the completion of the second county-wide survey currently underway by the Lancashire ESTac. Whilst there has been a considerable amount of</p>

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	<p>activity in terms of the installation of energy efficiency measures only the survey can answer the question to whether or not the DECC approved measure has changed for the better or worse.</p> <p>In commonsense terms it is highly likely that levels of fuel poverty (as defined – 10% of income on heating) will have increased significantly simply because of fuel price increases which effect every household.</p> <p>Even if the installation activity was significantly higher than presently experienced, it is unlikely that fuel poverty would be reducing.</p> <p>By the DECC measure – households in receipt of benefits in properties with a SAP rating of less than 35 – progress is being made, but only at a slow rate.</p> <p><u><i>Climate Change</i></u> - A lively and provocative discussion between the Council, College and Primary Care Trust looked at some of the practical actions we could take through the LSP. Better joining up of communication was a particular issue, with the possibility of joining together the various publicity campaigns on eco issues being suggested.</p> <p>Partners discussed how environmental requirements could be included in new developments, and pointed to the investment of Tesco in an Energy Strategy for the new Accrington store as an example of how this could work.</p> <p>Other ideas, such as a loan fund for community organisations wanting to install eco-friendly energy generation systems and a knowledge-sharing “big emitters club” were also put forward and debated – along with the need for buy-in from partners across and outside the LSP.</p> <p>The group agreed that some practical steps were needed to improve our approach. In particular, an environmental champion was needed to promote the issue more effectively, and a resolution to the situation with the Environment Group was also needed.</p> <p>Hyndburn achieved Level 0 last year and has made steps to currently achieve Level 1, against a target of Level 2. The achievement of this was clearly dependant on a comprehensive LCLIP - Local Climate Impacts Profile which is a comprehensive risk assessment. A strong starting point for any assessment would be to perform a weather trawl, getting historical data for the past 5 years and looking at the impact that this placed on all the services as well as individual businesses. The need to raise awareness of the importance of this area was highlighted as imperative as many simple measures can be implemented to not only cope with extremities but also that can have a direct impact now.</p>

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	<p>The group felt that the LSP needs to offer greater guidance to partners on this issue and needs to develop either a complete action plan or a thorough climate strategy.</p> <p><u>Local Biodiversity</u> - Whilst this has not been in the spotlight as much as some of the other indicators, the Council has approved extra funding for sites in its ownership together with approval for the Woodnook Vale Local Nature Reserve. Our existing site – Foxhill Bank – is actively managed by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Prospects are making an “access to nature” bid.</p> <p>A whole series of future improvements was identified, reflecting discussions in other groups around the involvement of the VCFS and the LSP itself.</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future? Potential government funding cuts may have an impact if this was to occur.</p> <p>Lancashire Waste Partnerships has been recognised as a model. For recycling we are unlikely to see any further large scale improvements until food recycling is brought on stream in 2013. However, we will continue to encourage residents to recycle more and tackle low participation areas.</p> <p>Shocking waste campaign is going to be displayed on waste vehicles and on the recycling fleet we will have visual adverts to encourage residents to recycle more.</p> <p>The Council’s newspaper contains the Christmas Calendar and a lot of information about recycling. This has been delivered to all households</p> <p>A new partnership with the probation service is allowing members of the ‘community payback scheme’ to undertake work back in the community for street cleaning and parks.</p> <p>With the threat of continued and sustained increases in heating costs, there is little prospect of improvement on fuel poverty unless there is a considerable investment (public or privately financed) in energy efficiency measures.</p> <p>A basic barrier is that those deeply in need of works are least able to afford it. The national grant aid available whilst having some effect is unlikely to always take a household out of fuel poverty, although the benefits to the household budget might be great.</p>

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	<p>Therefore, either an effective form of direct subsidy needs to be introduced, or a simple and effective way of assisting a householder to finance improvements is needed.</p> <p>We are working hard at a local level to drive the environment agenda forward and raise its profile. We are optimistic the newly formed environment group of the LSP will be able to start delivering on a local level. A priority is to develop the Performance Management Framework for the LSP further to gauge performance by Partners.</p>

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<p>Lancaster</p>	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered?</p> <p><u>Climate change</u> - Lancaster District has appointed a part-time Climate Change Action Co-ordinator, funded through the Local Strategic Partnership's Second Homes Fund. A key part of this role is to increase partnership working on climate change and to start developing an action plan. The Co-ordinator is collating information on carbon reduction initiatives across the district to identify gaps in our response to climate change and share best practice experience. Funding and resources are also being identified to implement and deliver future projects. Funding for the Climate Change Co-ordinator is only available until March 2010 but efforts are underway to secure ongoing funds to continue the post.</p> <p>The LSP's Environment Thematic Group Action Plan states that all partners should develop effective and comprehensive strategies to reduce the harmful impact of their carbon emissions. Whilst most LSP partners are developing these strategies it is evident that others require additional support and guidance. An 'Acting on Climate Change' Workshop is being held in November for senior-level LSP partner members and key sector leaders from across the district to help develop leadership on climate change.</p> <p>Lancaster City Council has undertaken a refresh of their Climate Change Strategy. This Strategy deals primarily with actions relating to NI 185 and contains a detailed action plan to reduce the Council's carbon footprint until 2013. The Strategy also sets a carbon reduction target of 3.4% a year until 2019/2020 in line with a 34% reduction by 2020 and an 80% reduction by 2050.</p> <p>Success has already been achieved in reducing the energy consumption and waste produced by Salt Ayre Sports Centre, whilst an internal awareness raising campaign entitled Bright Sparx is currently being rolled out across the Council. Furthermore, the Council is working in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust on their Green Fleet Review and their 1-2-1 Support Programme to develop a climate change action plan that covers actions both in-house and district-wide action.</p> <p>Capacity issues have resulted in a delay to achieving on NI 188. Lancaster City Council is currently struggling to complete Level 1. An LCLIP has begun and now requires input from relevant Services to complete.</p> <p><u>Recycling</u> - At the time of writing, final figures for Q1 are not available as yet. However, interim figures suggest performance in line with targets.</p>

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	<p>Food waste - Implementation planning ongoing. We await confirmation from County as to the exact date on which collections can commence.</p> <p><u>Street Cleanliness</u> - Figures are only provided every 4 months. For the third of the district that was surveyed in 2008/9 performance was 5% which is well above target.</p> <p><u>Housing Energy Efficiency</u> - Energy Efficiency Survey about to begin in partnership with Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre – results will tell us whether we have improved on the benchmarks we set last year. Address list has now been supplied to EST and survey will reach 15,000 homes, approx 25% of entire stock</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u> - Prospects look good for carrying on work on reducing the council's carbon footprint at the same level to that being achieved at present. Carbon reduction targets appear to be achievable for this year. Further staff resources are required to really push the envelope.</p> <p>Funding for the Climate Change Co-ordinator is only available until March 2010 but efforts are underway to secure ongoing funds to continue the post.</p> <p>Prospects for NI188 are poor at present (see above).</p> <p><u>Housing Energy Efficiency</u> - Improved information on progress will shortly be available this will enable better targeting of activity in future.</p> <p><u>Recycling</u> – proceeding in line with targets</p> <p><u>Street cleanliness</u> - This is better performance than the equivalent period last year and prospects for the future are deemed promising on the evidence, however as different transects are surveyed in year 2, comparison is not exact.</p>

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Pendle	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered? What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>NI 186 - Pendle Council has recently approved its climate change action plan which commits the council to challenging carbon reduction targets against its 2008/09 baseline (reporting against NI 185). We have a Member Climate Change Working Group responsible for overseeing progress. The council has also signed up to the national climate change campaign, 10:10. Recognising that the council contributes 0.6% to the overall area footprint, the council is taking steps to improve the efficiency of its buildings, funded through the 09/ 10 capital programme and a Climate Change Reserve Fund.</p> <p>Actions to address NI186 feature in the Sustainable Places Action Plan, the environmental theme group of Pendle Partnership (Pendle's LSP). The Pendle Partnership will be asking all partners to establish their own carbon baseline and set targets for carbon reduction. This will enable a baseline to be calculated for Pendle Partnership and for targets to be set accordingly. Partners will also be asked to sign up to 10:10 demonstrating commitment to reducing the area wide footprint. Collectively, this should have an impact on 186. It is likely that a workshop will be held to help partners calculate their own carbon footprint.</p> <p>NI187 - No data is currently available as the NI 187 survey is conducted annually. This year's mail-out is due to start w/c 3rd November, with the data being processed for all the Lancashire LAA authorities by Lancashire & Cumbria ESTAC. Final figures for the first survey should be available early 2010 for comparison against the baseline data.</p> <p>Several schemes are in place across Pendle to encourage take-up of insulation and heating measures to address fuel poverty. Many households in receipt of means-tested benefits are eligible for grant assistance to install energy efficiency measures free of charge, however there are gaps in this provision that Pendle-funded schemes aim to fill.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENHANCED WARM FRONT – this scheme provides top-up funding through a PBC minor works assistance grant to eligible households. The scheme ensures all Cat1 hazards relating to excess cold are eliminated where practicable, and also covers any excess client contribution due, without which the work would not go ahead. 2. PEAS – funding was secured from Foundations to run a pilot scheme to upgrade energy efficiency of homes for low-income households, including provision of high-efficiency boiler and heating control upgrades,

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	<p>as recommended from a draft Energy Performance Certificate. All measures were carried out and a final Energy Performance Certificate was lodged to show before and after comparisons of SAP rating, CO₂ emissions and costs of space and water heating. 6 homes were improved under this scheme with average improvement showing an increase of 29 points from average SAP rating of 41 to 70.</p> <p>3. PROVISION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE– regular events and advice surgeries are held across the borough and dedicated energy officers are trained to give telephone advice to local residents. Many of these enquiries provide the opportunity to offer additional assistance where appropriate and also allow access to information on social tariffs and extra help via utility providers for vulnerable clients</p> <p>Other energy efficiency schemes operate across Pendle to reduce CO₂ emissions, such as PHEW heating discount scheme and an able-to-pay insulation scheme aimed at higher income households. We also operate an Energy Monitor loan scheme to raise awareness of household consumption and change behaviour towards use of electrical appliances. Extensive advertising, publicity events and the provision of energy efficiency information and advice through a variety of means encourages take-up of energy-saving measures but also finds vulnerable clients who may be unaware of grant assistance available to them.</p> <p><u>Prospects for the future</u> - Existing schemes are set to continue whilst budget constraints allow. Further funding for hard-to-treat (solid wall and off-gas) property is becoming more available and will provide very welcome opportunities for improving Pendle's extensive heritage property (60% stone built terraced). It is expected that applications for some regional monies will be made to provide matched funding to stretch our capital pot.</p> <p>Preliminary enquiries to utility companies are in place for CERT and CESP funding for solid-wall insulation funding. British Gas has notified us of their intention to fund CESP works in some of our most deprived SOA's but we are still awaiting further confirmation.</p> <p>It is our intention to pilot a scheme for internal thermal insulation to help with improving SAP ratings and reducing problems associated with condensation and mould growth in addition to sourcing further funding to continue the PEAs scheme which proved so successful.</p> <p>NI 188 - The council has undertaken a Local Climate Impact Profile to begin to determine vulnerabilities within service areas to a changing climate. We claimed Level 1 in 08/ 09 and strive to achieve level 2 by 2010. Service areas are required to consider their contribution to both</p>

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	<p>mitigation and adaptation through the Strategic Planning process.</p> <p>Partners are being asked to consider how well prepared they are to deal with a changing climate and the likely consequences. A workshop will introduce partners to tools to help them assess their vulnerabilities and consider their adaptation plans.</p> <p>NI 192 - The council has recently (September 09) introduced a co-mingling recycling kerbside collection for mixed cans, plastic bottles and glass using a brown wheeled bin. It is anticipated that this will increase recycling levels as it provides residents with more capacity to recycle, and provides a permanent container for plastic bottles (previously a blue sacrificial sack). Initial feedback shows an increased number of residents also asking for green boxes to recycle paper as they previously did not participate in the kerbside collection scheme. The council has also approved funding for 2010/11 to introduce a pilot food waste collection scheme to 7000 properties and also carry out a "Love Food, Hate Waste" campaign to help reduce food waste in bins.</p> <p>NI 195 - The council has engaged Keep Britain Tidy to provide refresher training to all staff involved in NI 195 surveys. There is currently a scrutiny review being carried out into dog fouling and littering. Tranche 1 survey results for 09/10 were: Litter: 5%; Detritus: 9%; Graffiti: 0%; Flyposting: 0%.</p> <p>NI 197 – Work on this NI is being led by Lancashire Wildlife Trust and the council has not previously been requested to input to this. As a council, we obviously have a duty to protect and improve biodiversity under the NERC Act 2006. Aside from appropriate management of its own estate, another way Pendle Council can discharge this duty is through the Development Control process. The Pendle Council Local Plan has Policies in it which seek to achieve this. Pendle Council is currently preparing its LDF and biodiversity issues will feature strongly in it. To assist District Councils with biodiversity issues there is a current proposal led by Lancashire Wildlife Trust to create a County-wide Local Records Centre. This will bring up to date and centralise all biodiversity records as a resource.</p>

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<p>Preston</p>	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigns to raise awareness and promote responsible disposal of litter are considered imaginative and on occasion award winning – particularly around the disposal of cigarette butts and chewing gum, helping to exceed the targets for cleanliness of the streets. • Draft Air Quality Action Plans have been developed to meet the National Air Quality Objectives. • Sites suitable for the creation or enhancement of biodiversity are being restored – a nature reserve at Fishwick Bottoms, another at Brockholes Woodlands and Wetlands, a BMX track and football pitch at Fishwick Recreation Ground, a cycle path along the old Preston to Longridge Railway line and another being designed from Preston to Bamber Bridge. • The % of household waste sent for recycling, reuse and composting is broadly on target and the Lancashire Waste Management Strategy has been reviewed to help promote further improvements during 2009/10. • Local Climate Impact Profile to be performed to identify any vulnerable services to the affects of Climate Change. • A draft Local Preston Delivery Plan of Lancashire's Climate Change Strategy has been produced which includes actions on adapting to climate change. <p>What are the prospects for the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue successful approach to raising awareness and action to reduce litter. • Encouraging partners owning public open space to maintain a high Local Environmental Quality Standard. • Development and adoption by partners of a Green Space Standard for maintenance of green open spaces. • Implementing Action Plan in designated areas to reduce poor accessibility to services.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve air quality by implementing actions from Preston's Air Quality Action Plans.• Improve biodiversity by approach including focussing input on 3 specific sites and holding series of biodiversity awareness raising events.• Comprehensive risk assessment to be performed in relation to those councils services that have been identified within the Local Climate Impact Profile.• Further awareness raising planned for the LSP, via the Environment Thematic Working Group.• Implementing actions arising from the Lancashire Waste Management Strategy to further improve recycling and composting rates.

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Ribble Valley	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. NI 188 Adapting to Climate Change</p> <p>The group has helped prepare an action plan for the Local authority to establish awareness of climate change to employees The theme group is also sharing projects with newly formed Transition Town Clitheroe Group The Strategic Partnership has funded a projects to establish and train a team of Farm Environment Advisers to assist farmers to access upland management funds</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. NI 186 Per Capita CO2 emissions in the LA area</p> <p>The Local Authority now has an action plan which offers the opportunity to reduce CO2 emissions in the area.</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>Looking at community transport opportunities, brokering community minibuses across the district Looking at potential sites and schemes for micro hydro energy generation schemes</p>

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Rossendale	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered? What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>NI186 - Rossendale Borough Council adopted an Environmental Strategy in March 2007. This included aims in relation to a wide range of environmental issues that impinge on CO₂ emissions. During the first full year of implementation (2008/9) about 60/92 proposed actions were completed. Many of the remainder have been brought forward to 2009/10 in a Climate Change Action Plan.</p> <p>The National Indicator is calculated by Defra without input by this Authority and we have just been informed of the result for 2007, which was an improvement on previous years, which have been revised downwards. However, most other authorities also showed an improvement, so locally it would be difficult to claim any connection with local initiatives. The bulk of the reduction was in the industrial and commercial use of gas. This could be a consequence of weather or of the beginning of the recession.</p> <p>Prospects are good for improvement in practice but other issues will impact on the outcome. Good working relationships exist within Lancashire in relation to work on environmental indicators.</p> <p>Rossendale has become a member of IEMA and has access to good technical assistance in implementing its Acorn Scheme</p> <p>Rossendale has been provided with one to one support by the Energy Saving Trust.</p> <p>The BeARS home insulation scheme has just started which offers free loft insulation on a street by street basis within private sector housing. Delivery has started in Haslingden. Dedicated staff have been employed to promote domestic energy efficiency and this may extend to commercial premises. Environmental knowledge has been incorporated into staff competencies and built into service planning.</p> <p>NI187 - The Housing Stock Condition survey has recently been reported. This shows that, at 1st April 2009, 3.94% of housing inputted had a SAP rating of less than 35 and 29.53% had a SAP rating of over 65. Work has started on delivering home energy efficiency through the BeARS scheme as described above.</p> <p>As the BeARS scheme rolls out to other parts of Rossendale, home energy efficiency and therefore SAP ratings will improve.</p> <p>A project is being operated by Rossendale Borough Council's Service Assurance Team, its revenues and benefit partner, Capita and the Lancashire Welfare Rights Service, with the aim of encouraging benefit take up. This has resulted in 52 successful new claims so far with an extra</p>

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	<p>£21 per week being obtained. This will help reduce fuel poverty. This project is set to continue. Future prospects are also dependent upon energy prices which, although reducing recently, are set to increase in future years.</p> <p>NI188 - Rossendale achieved level 1 of the indicator in March 2009. We have included many initiatives aimed at raising awareness, signed up to the Nottingham Declaration in 2007, and are implementing a joint project to review climate change risks with business continuity so that, as BC plans are updated, they take into account the increasing risk of adverse weather conditions. A project is about to start within the Environment Theme Group to undertake an impact assessment across the partnership using the Nottingham Declaration toolkit.</p> <p>Work is ongoing as part of the Climate Change Partnership to implement action in line with an agreed protocol and using the LCC toolkit which is currently under preparation. The BC plans of managers within Rossendale Borough Council will incorporate climate change risks and thereby be built into normal management systems.</p> <p>NI192 - There has been a gradual decrease in the amount of waste sent to landfill and increased amount of waste recycled and composted because of increased customer awareness and we have also supplied a large number of bins for paper and organic waste. In the recent months we have actually seen a small decrease in the amount of waste been recycled especially paper & cardboard. We are linking this to the general economic downturn.</p> <p>We are currently exploring the options of increasing the number of properties that we offering recycling services to, especially focusing on the remoter farm properties.</p> <p>NI195 - This indicator is calculated in relation to 4 parts. Surveys are undertaken in 3 four-month periods and over a year will cover the whole of Rossendale. The results of the April – July period are now available. There is seasonal variation in some parts so the annual data cannot be readily extrapolated from this period's results. The first period results are as follows:- a) Litter: annual target – 7% achievement – 8% b) Detritis: target – 23% achievement – 20% c) Graffiti: target – 2% achievement 2% d) flyposting: target 0% achievement 0% Generally performance is in line with national averages and local expectations.</p>

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	<p>Street sweeping routes have recently been modified but the effects have yet to be realised. Any adverse survey results are communicated to the staff responsible for street cleaning for remedial action. Prospects for the future should be that the current performance is maintained or improved.</p> <p>NI197 - The indicator is concerned with the positive conservation management of local sites. This work is to be undertaken by Lancashire County Council and its partners but has been delayed due to resource constraints at County level. However, these have very recently been resolved and new staff appointed to take the work forward. Rossendale Borough Council has adopted a Biodiversity Action Plan and is undertaking a consultation exercise with the view to determining what are the major issues for Rossendale in relation to species and habitats, what resources are currently available, who has expertise locally and what is already being done. Part of the exercise is to raise awareness of biodiversity and encourage interest in developing and managing sites.</p> <p>The new county wide initiative is about to be launched and will then be involved in developing management plans. There is therefore likely to be some time lapse before any expectation will be placed on Local Authorities to monitor anything. Rossendale has just over 50 sites.</p>

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South Ribble	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered? The South Ribble Partnership has a sustainability and climate change thematic group which meets every month to identify and pursue initiatives and projects which have the aim of achieving a sustainable future for the community. The group has representation from public and private sector partners.</p> <p>Three projects are being developed by the group: an affordable energy project which is being led by Progress Housing and which will focus on lower income households; a Living Smart Challenge Project which will focus on owner occupier households and will offer detailed, tailored advice to households to enable them to live more sustainably; the development of an environmental business network.</p> <p>These projects all have the potential to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and could all be scaled up to enhance this carbon reduction in the future. This is important in terms of our performance against NI 186.</p> <p>In addition to the projects the thematic group is continuing to promote the Save it for South Ribble message. This campaign, which was developed by South Ribble Borough Council in summer 2007, is being promoted across the partnership. It involves a number of simple energy saving messages which fit with the aim of carbon dioxide reduction and, therefore with performance against NI 186.</p> <p>The borough council has carried out a local climate impacts profile (LCLIP) for South Ribble which identifies areas in which we are vulnerable to climate change. This was an important requirement for Level 1 of NI 188 – which was achieved by the LAA area in March 2009. This work focused initially on council services but will include the South Ribble Partnership during the second half of 2009/10 (see prospects for the future, below)</p> <p>The Partnership is also keen to support other aspects of sustainability and has supported the borough council and Preston and South Ribble Fairtrade Group in achieving Fairtrade Borough status in February 2009.</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future? The South Ribble Partnership (SRP) has produced a new Sustainable Community Strategy which is due to be launched at the Partnership AGM in October 2009.</p> <p>The action plan for the strategy includes priorities, targets and actions for</p>

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	<p>the SRP's environment, climate change and sustainability theme. The SRP is on target to achieve its targets for NIs 186 and 188 for 2009/10. It should be noted that there is a 2 year time lag on data for NI 186. The data for this indicator is collated by DEFRA. The most recent figures (for 2007) show a downward trend in CO2 emissions across South Ribble. South Ribble's figure for per capita CO2 emissions in 2007 was 6.7 tonnes compared to a 2005 figure of 6.9 tonnes.</p> <p>South Ribble Borough Council achieved Level 1 of NI 188 in 2008/09 which is in line with the LAA target. The borough council will be working with the SRP in the latter half of 2009/10 to involve partners in identifying their vulnerabilities to a changing climate. This will help towards the achievement of Level 2 of NI 188 by the end of 2009/10.</p> <p>The sustainability and climate change thematic group's main focus for the next six months will be development of its three projects (outlined in outcomes and improvements, see above).</p>

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West Lancashire	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered? What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>The recently published NI 186 'per capita CO₂ emissions' data from DECC shows a continued reduction in emissions in West Lancashire in 2007. 2008/09 data needed to measure performance against the 2008/09 LAA target will not be available until 2010, however progress against this indicator has continued well, with energy efficiency initiatives being developed across the Borough.</p> <p>The continued partnership working with Groundwork Pennine Lancashire and the Environment Thematic Group (ETG) has secured funding from the Lancashire Climate Change Fund and the West Lancashire Second Homes Fund to develop the following projects, which are currently underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of green action plans on behalf of businesses, community groups and Parish Councils to identify energy efficiency opportunities, waste minimisation and exploitation of renewable energy sources. • Advice, guidance and practical actions to raise awareness of climate change and sustainability to the agricultural communities of West Lancashire. 1st workshop sessions to be held in November. • Work with schools to increase awareness of opportunities available to reduce their carbon footprints through renewables, energy audits and workshop sessions. <p>These projects will continue to develop energy saving initiatives and community projects conditional upon the success of future bids to further funding streams.</p> <p>West Lancashire Borough Council is progressing well with climate change adaptation work and feels confident in achieving level 1 of NI 188 in 2008/09. This work has continued to progress over recent months with work currently being undertaken to build climate change into Council policies and risk register. Strong partnership working with the Lancashire NI 188 working group, West Lancashire LSP and the ETG is also being developed and we are confident we will be able to achieve level 2 by March 2010.</p> <p>In addition to the biodiversity work being undertaken at County level, the Environment Thematic group are also involved in the following projects</p>

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	<p>which will help contribute to NI 197 targets;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forever Meadows project: A Wildlife Trust project focused on the restoration and sustainable management of lowland meadows, some of which are in West Lancashire. • A West Lancashire Wildlife Action Plan developed by members of the ETG to address some of the key issues affecting wildlife in the district and to complement the Lancashire Biodiversity Action Plan. <p>West Lancashire Borough Council has continued to improve the NI 192 recycling and composting rate to 48% for 2008/09. It is anticipated that further improvements will be experienced with the introduction of the new waste transfer station in 2010.</p> <p><i>Street Scene has surpassed the LAA appointed target for cleanliness – NI 195, out turning at 9.9% for litter and detritus. It is anticipated that there will be further improvements with the introduction of new technologies, which will assist in monitoring the service performance. This will further be improved with the harmonising of the cleansing and grounds maintenance services. The Borough has also experienced a significant reduction in reported fly-tips, which is felt to be linked to working with local community groups in improving fly tip hot spot areas and enforcement. The Borough has again been working extensively with the emergency services and the Bright Sparx initiative, promoting a campaign of bonfire control, which again has seen a significant reduction in complaints.</i></p> <p>The services are supported by a comprehensive educational programme, delivered to schools throughout the Borough, which is presented by Street Scene. The programme schedule is planned in-conjunction with Global Renewables to ensure complete coverage of the Borough.</p>

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Wyre	<p>How well are the outcomes and improvements being delivered? The environment theme is not a stand alone group within the WSP's framework and is dispersed mainly amongst Stronger, safer and housing theme groups. The stronger group picks up the natural environment and in particular NI197.</p> <p>Summary of performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over past 6 months work natural environment work has pushed for increased volunteer involvement (now 2 volunteers to one member of staff) of all ages working towards cross cutting outcomes eg health, skills and education/awareness • Biodiversity strategy – this is now in a draft format and is currently being sent out for consultation and contribution for action planning across the partnership. <p>Further guidance is awaited via Lancashire Natural Environment Service at the briefing meeting, 18 November, regarding the wider delivery of NI197. Integration /digital mapping issues are also in discussion and more specifically around ensuring County has a mechanism in place to provide up-to-date mapping records.</p> <p>Wyre's Wildlife Project was delayed, awaiting the recruitment of Tim in March which has refocused work opportunity and new plans have been developed - including citizen's science.</p> <p>Active Wyre project covered environmentally friendly activities across Wyre. Had very successful, first ever cycle festival in June between Cleveleys and Fleetwood with activities on the waterfront, which was also well attended by non riders. A walking festival in Garstang, and children's activities with learning experiences at the Stannah Country Park.</p> <p>Wyre Environment Week successfully saw a number of volunteers recruited along with 2 BBC Breathing Places events took place (Thornton and Bleasdale) which illustrated the fun of community green spaces and at Bleasdale crowds of over 150 school children benefited from educational activities. Energy saving advice days with a cycle as prize were held through mixed sector delivery. The week was also used to promote cycling and the festival mentioned above.</p> <p>Currently awaiting Forestry commission decision to get Wyre urban woodlands under management with intent to increasing numbers.</p> <p>Our NI195 & 192 reports continue to show good results compared to the national average and work continues to sustain the good work. The new</p>

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	<p>CRM system implemented in May at Wyre Borough Council along with the MAPS team are proving to be a successful union in reducing avoidable complaints and for targeting of clean sweeps and other related street cleanliness issues.</p> <p>Further guidance is awaited regarding NI188.</p> <p>Installation of domestic home energy insulation measures in Wyre results have just been published and by rough estimation it appears that Wyre have achieved nearly double its target. Work on initiatives continues.</p> <p>What are the prospects for the future?</p> <p>Environmental issues are reflected across the partnership however there are areas particularly around general awareness and guidance that would benefit the WSP to progress wider partnership work. Much of the activity is coordinated through the Council. Whilst activity continues, wider provision of district related guidance is a concern with some LAA indicators eg biodiversity, adapting to climate change.</p> <p>Action plans within the housing theme have identified for further improvement areas for greater reductions in CO2 emissions.</p> <p>Clean sweeps are proving to be highly successful and more are scheduled in the coming half year.</p>