



<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Leader of the Council</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL FORUM</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>26 January 2023</b>

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**SUBJECT: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN PEOPLE’S JURY ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS**

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform the Council Forum of the outcome of the Blackburn with Darwen People’s Jury on the Climate Change Crisis.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council Forum is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the report on the People’s Jury on the Climate Change Crisis (**Appendix 1**);
- 2.2 Note that a progress report and updated Climate Emergency Action Plan, taking account of the Jury’s recommendations, will be submitted to the March meeting of the Executive Board.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and pledged, in its Climate Emergency Action Plan, to open a dialogue on climate change with partners and residents, beginning with a People’s Jury to help to inform the priorities for the borough as a whole.

A People’s Jury brings together a diverse group of people who represent the demography and geography of an area to work through an issue, share ideas and come up with a set of informed recommendations.

The Blackburn with Darwen People’s Jury on the Climate Change Crisis met between September and December 2022 and drew up 15 recommendations on the themes of communication and education, transport and housing and building in response to the question:

*‘What do we need to do in our homes, in business and our local area to respond to the climate change crisis?’*

The Jury's recommendations are to be launched at an event on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 in King Georges Hall and will inform future iterations of the Climate Emergency Action Plan for the Borough.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Legal implications arising from this report.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no new implications for policy. The People's Jury report supports the Council's ambition for the Borough to be carbon neutral by 2030.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **7. CONSULTATIONS**

None

#### **Chief Officer/Member**

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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Background Papers: None