



The Darlington Partnership recognises that Climate Change is likely to be one of the key drivers of change within our community this century.

We acknowledge that

- Climate change is occurring.
- Everyone in Darlington is responsible for taking an active role in adapting to and reducing the adverse impacts of climate change.

We welcome the

- Opportunity to deliver sustainable development at a local level through the social, economic and environmental benefits which will arise from combating climate change.
- Recognition by many sectors, especially Government and business, of the need for change.
- International and National emissions targets which will reduce our impact through focussed action.
- Opportunity for Darlington to lead the local response and play a role in delivering the national programme.
- Opportunity for relevant and responsible organisations to encourage and help local residents and local businesses to reduce their energy costs, to reduce traffic congestion, to improve the local environment and to deal with fuel poverty within our communities.

We commit to

- Work, at a local level, to support the delivery of the UK programme.
- Declare our commitment to addressing the cause of climate change to achieve a low carbon economy, especially in operations, transportation, waste and services.
- Prepare a plan, with the aim to secure maximum benefit to the community in combating climate change.
- Encourage all sectors to reduce their own emissions and to commit to action.
- Work with key partners, including services, businesses and organisations, to address climate change, and to identify who can respond.
- Monitor the progress and report the results.
- Contribute to providing solutions to reduce our carbon footprint and the challenge of climate change, and to identify opportunities for the use of renewable energy.

