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Designing a Net Zero Reading Survey 2

Survey 2 closes: 10pm Sunday 10th November

Designing a Net Zero Reading

2nd of 2 surveys

The Reading Climate Change Partnership (RCCP) are creating a draft Climate Emergency Strategy for 2025-30. We are keen to get input to the strategy at this early stage from everybody who lives, learns, works or plays in Reading. The aim is to do this in a way which involves people with different interests. It is therefore vital that local communities and stakeholders share ideas and suggestions.

This process started with an event for young people to share their perspectives and ideas about net zero Reading. This was followed by: workshops in June and September involving people from a wide range of interests; and the first survey in late summer. Participants' views, suggestions and discussions initially formed around 6 focus areas for a net zero Reading (tested in the first survey and further discussed at workshop 2), and 7 cross-cutting topics which are common to three or more of the focus areas.

Participants at the second workshop explored the cross-cutting topics in more detail. This is the second of two opportunities to have your say on what has initially emerged from the workshops - whether you have been involved so far or not.

You can respond to all or some of these cross-cutting topics. We realise some people are interested in the whole picture and others in a particular aspect, and we welcome all responses.

The survey will take less than 10 minutes. You can indicate your support for each topic and the ideas suggested within it. A few minutes more will allow time to leave short additional suggestions. What you say will be analysed and summarised to inform the 3rd workshop.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to do this.

Please note: the cross-cutting topics in this survey come from all those who have taken part so far, including RCCP partners and many others. At this stage they are not final plans, but suggestions of what could be included in the strategy. Final content for the strategy depends on: responses to this survey, the discussions at the upcoming workshop, and being able to find resources to help deliver.

If you have any technical issues with the survey, please get in touch with Dialogue Matters at enquiries@dialoguematters.co.uk

1 Cross-cutting Topics:

Look at the following **cross-cutting topics** and decide how much you support the ideas suggested under each. If you want, please tell us what would increase your support.

You may wish to read through all the topics first so that you know what is coming up and can share suggestions under the most relevant area.

When you are responding, feel free to answer all, one, or some of these questions. We realise some people are interested in the whole picture and others in a particular aspect. We welcome all responses.

1.1 Training and capacity building

> **1** Identify the skills gaps, in industry and economy, for Reading to reach net zero
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> **2** Join up training and learning opportunities and make them appealing for different people.
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> **3** Create and share a database of courses and learning opportunities, mentors and expertise, which support net zero
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> **4** Share resources and training on 'carbon literacy'

- **To what extent do you support the ideas within this cross-cutting topic?**

I have strong concerns	I have concerns	I can live with it	I support it	I strongly support it

- **Tell us what would increase your support?** (please keep your answers short and to the point, up to 100 words)

1.2   Health and personal resilience

Note: due to participant choice, this cross-cutting topic was not discussed in detail at workshop 2 – Ideas come from those put forward at workshop 1 and survey 1.

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5   Implement measures for net zero which avoid unintended consequences for health and wellbeing

6   Be sensitive to causing anxiety, whilst coming to terms with climate extremes and their effects

7   Use the co-benefits of low carbon lifestyles for health and wellbeing, as drivers for change. E.g. in relation to active travel, air pollution, and a low carbon diet

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1.3   Adaptation (place and infrastructure)

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8   Account for climate risks in buildings and development based on latest science

9   Work in alignment with emergency services to ensure capacity for fire or flooding risks

10 Maintain a list of interconnections with statutory and regulatory measures around climate adaptation

11 Implement local and small-scale measures, and future-proof buildings, to deal with extremes of weather. E.g. tree cover and green roofs to combat heat, ways to absorb or manage surface water, and thermal comfort through passive design in buildings

12 Use nature-based solutions to maximise co-benefits

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1.4   Additional funding and resourcing

13 Divest from carbon intensive investment and funding

14 Recognise how much it will cost to make Reading net zero

15 Identify who will fund each of the elements to achieve net zero, and set up funding alliances to help the Reading Climate Change Partnership access funding

16 Unlock sources of funding from green heat network and expanding community energy schemes

17 Find funding for pilots and testing

18 Work together where there are co-benefits, e.g. in the food supply chain

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1.5   Fostering behaviour change for net zero

19 Create a behaviour change strategy

20 Ensure a just transition to net zero which enables and works for the more vulnerable in society

21 Foster and empower community groups, charities, and local government to work together and for change

22 Make net zero choices easier for people e.g. active forms of travel, public transport, waste collection, careful choice of advertising

23 Share more of the best practices and success stories to help inspire others in neighbourhoods, communities, and businesses

24 Identify and incentivise wider benefits of changing behaviours beyond 'climate'. E.g. health and wellbeing, energy cost savings, local amenities

25 Embed net zero in the curriculum

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1.6   Campaigns and communication

26 Design and coordinate communications campaigns, aligned with the climate emergency strategy, through a communications alliance

27 Increase awareness and engagement with the public, businesses, and other organisations

28 Increase social media reach, targeted to different demographics and connected with campaigns

29 Invest in a full-time climate partnership communications and engagement role

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1.7   Smart cities and Artificial Intelligence

30 Ensure that there is an inclusive approach to the use of data and AI asking the right questions in the right way, and consider the ethics of implementing 'smart' approaches in terms of carbon and climate impact

31 Involve people and communities in the collection of data, and ensure there are feedback mechanisms that allow people to feed in and log concerns

32 Enable better sharing of data in formats that are easy to use between businesses and organisations

33 Use technology to help Reading use energy wisely and map out interdependencies and opportunities. E.g. ambient level of street lighting at different times; place-based planning rather than asset-based when digging up streets; and linking water and heat processes.

34 Create the right environment for businesses to innovate in these fields

35 Use and share data to support community and cross-Reading initiatives, e.g. Repair Cafés, litter picking opportunities.

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Thank you for taking part.

If you wish to be kept informed about progress, please leave your email here.

Note: By leaving your email, you give us consent to pass this on to the Reading Climate Change Partnership. You may opt out of receiving RCCP emails at any point.

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