

**Appendix 3 - The changes suggested to be made to the drafted Year 3 Updated Climate and Ecological Change (2021-2030) document in light of public consultation feedback**

Feedback / Theme	Suggested response/ change to be made
Page 48 - Can we please also have a pie chart for territorial emissions in 2021 / 22? This would be very useful.	Will work to add in final version of strategy document
Will you be joining Larder Cymru, as other north Wales councils have, to support local food in schools and other catering provided by the Council?	Will take this as an action to investigate and include necessary wording in the strategy document
The proposal to incorporate allotments and space for nature in all new social housing developments is very welcome - page 69. Why can't this be the case for all developments - private housing and buildings of any sort - that a % of space is allocated for allotments and space for nature?	Will discuss this query with planning and biodiversity colleagues - planning policy will dictate what is required but we will explore how this can be encouraged- and include necessary wording in the strategy document
The title - We have commented previously that the term "Climate and Ecological Change" sounds like something benign. Also "ecological change" is not a term used by anyone else that we know of. We would prefer substituting "Change" for "Emergency", but if you want something simpler and less threatening / worrying, you might call it: "Denbighshire's Climate and Nature Strategy" Or even "Greener Denbighshire - Our Climate and Nature Strategy"	Will seriously consider changing the name of the document to Denbighshire's Climate and Nature Strategy, gaining agreement internally at the Greener Denbighshire Board and reflecting what is agreed in the final version of strategy document
The length: - 95 pages is a very daunting read for members of the public who want to be informed about what Denbighshire is doing about climate breakdown and biodiversity loss, and hopefully get involved and engaged. We can appreciate it is in the style of most Council documents, and may be what Councillors and staff want / need for their work. The infographics are too brief to give a real idea to the public of what is being done. It is vital that a user-friendly, public-facing version of this strategy is produced and made available, which is a lot shorter and easier to read for the average person. A young person's version, possibly made in collaboration with schools / youth clubs, would also be excellent.	Will explore options to create a young persons or easy read version ensuring the document is still compliant with Accessibility Standards.  Will explore options to create an executive summary to provide a high-level overview, with links to further detail.
The pie charts should be drawn with a consistent colour scheme.	Will ensure pie chart colours are consistent in final strategy version

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Chart 7 on page 30 is at best confusing and possibly wrongly worded. Please elucidate.	Wording will be corrected in final version
The review timescale: This strategy review has taken over a year to complete. As the review cycle is three years, taking one third of it up in a review seems completely disproportionate and does not indicate that the Council is responding to an emergency.	Noted. Team changes have meant this has been delayed
Supply chain emissions: Pages 22 / 34 Supply chain emissions are said to be increasing against a low target of 35%. In fact, you say that supply chain emissions have actually increased by 50%. Please can you explain this anomaly? There is very little information and analysis of what makes up your supply chain. Vehicles and construction are mentioned but little else. Are school meals included? Or procured by individual schools? Is Social care included? We are concerned that there is little indication of how you are going to reverse this worrying trend, apart from training and awareness of staff. We were under the impression that carbon literacy training had already been in place for all key roles for managers and Councillors.	Will expand on this in final version and include supply chain summary and/or breakdown of emission by category
Carbon emissions reductions are low: Page 20 - we would like to see an urgent response to this.	Update around latest reporting figures and challenges has been included in the Appendices and will be expanded for the final strategy version. Progress updates are also included in the bi-annual newsletter (most recent created in May 2024)
Consultation - The Strategy mentions over 100 suggestions made for changes to the policy and process (page 38). We would like to see your list of all the ideas / suggestions made and a list of those adopted.	All suggestions, where approved by services, have been included in the strategy. Completed actions have been included as an Appendix
Consultation - On pages 68/69 you are mainly talking about reviewing suggestions made in 2020. This is very confusing. What about all of the suggestions made as part of your review in 2023? Could these appear in an appendix? Or could you at least list the ones that have been incorporated into the Strategy?	Noted. This wording will be reviewed.
Carbon sequestration is clearly a key part of the Strategy. The table on page 49 seems to contain very important information, but is not at all clear to the average person. This needs a plain language explanation to be of any use to the public.	Noted. This wording will be reviewed.

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Targets and budgets: How will DCC achieve their targets for 2030 when the UK government recently announced that they would slow down their efforts to tackle climate change?	The challenges in achieving this target have been outlined in the strategy. However, we have not amended these targets and maintain our ambition.
Protection of hedgerows: It is essential that hedgerows and the protection of 'wild' habitats, e.g. gorse and shrub areas, are legally protected as soon as possible. When is this going to be achieved? Can it be expanded to private house owners?	Will discuss this query with Countryside colleagues but we will explore how this can be encouraged- and include necessary wording in the strategy document
Contribution towards Wales being first Race to Zero nation	Noted and investigating.
Request to support local farmers with this ambition	Noted and included as part of the increased scope of the strategy to influence carbon reduction, absorption, nature recovery and risk resilience across the county.
Ensure the progress is clearly outlined with challenges and shortfalls made clear (addressed with additional graphs in the appendix) – target and known pathways explained	Will be included in the final version
To prioritise actions in the strategy to make these actions SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound)	Noted and team will work to implement following successful adoption of the revised strategy
Ensure the Climate Scorecards are utilised and used to inform and direct action	Noted and areas identified as requiring action will be included in the final version
Contribution towards Wales being first Race to Zero nation	Noted and investigating whether DCC can sign up to this.