

## COUNCIL STATEMENT ON OUR RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Flintshire County Council has a longstanding commitment to protecting the environment. We have had action plans in place for some years to reduce our own 'carbon footprint' as part of this commitment.

As part of the international campaign to do more if we are to slow climate change, and in support of the Welsh Government challenge for the public sector to be carbon neutral by 2030, we are reviewing our plans with some urgency.

In stepping up our plans to become a carbon neutral Council we plan to do the following in 2020:-

- We will be developing our third and fourth local solar parks.
- We will be looking to build a new waste transfer station in Buckley powered by renewable energy to further increase our recycling rates and divert more material away from landfill;
- We will continue to ensure our fleet of vehicles are "green".;
- We will continue the installation of a network of charging points for electric vehicles across the County;
- We continue to invest in energy efficiency measures across all of the Council's buildings;
- We will calculate our complete carbon footprint to enable prioritisation of short, medium and long term actions to reduce it further;
- Working with Welsh Government and Transport For Wales, we will develop multi modal transport solutions of railway, bus and cycle ways, along with Park and Ride facilities;
- We will implement our 15 year Urban and Woodland tree strategy to increase tree cover across the County by 4% by 2033.

Flintshire is in a good position to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. We ask for the support of the public to help us achieve our aims.