

We will lead by example with our efforts to tackle the climate and environment emergency. Our West Yorkshire devolution deal and the election of our first Mayor for the region, Tracy Brabin, means we have a key leadership role when it comes to climate and the environment.

Policies and decision-making

We will apply policy and decision-making that looks at the issues and requirements to tackle the climate and environment emergency.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Being clear about how the projects we fund and sponsor are addressing their emissions and environmental impacts.
- Providing sustainable travel policies and creating a roadmap to change our vehicles to low and zero emission vehicles.

Environment and energy management

We will take control over the environmental impact we have as an organisation by committing to targets, actions and monitoring our impacts.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Delivering a net-zero Leeds City Region by 2038.
- Publishing our carbon footprint.

Influencing strategy

We will be clear about our asks of Central Government and other partners.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Publishing our objectives and using them as requirements in talks, decisions and actions.

Monitoring and evaluation

We will monitor and evaluate our organisational and regional progress to ensure we are on track to meet our targets.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Creating a monitoring and evaluation framework.
- Using metrics on climate and environmental performance in our annual State of the Region report.

Pension fund divestment

We will look at ensuring we are socially responsible investors by moving away the West Yorkshire Pension Fund investing in fossil fuel companies and other environmentally damaging activities.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Working with West Yorkshire Pension Fund to find alternative clean energy and environmental investment opportunities