



**Westmorland  
& Furness  
Council**

# **COP29: The importance of local government's role in sustainability**

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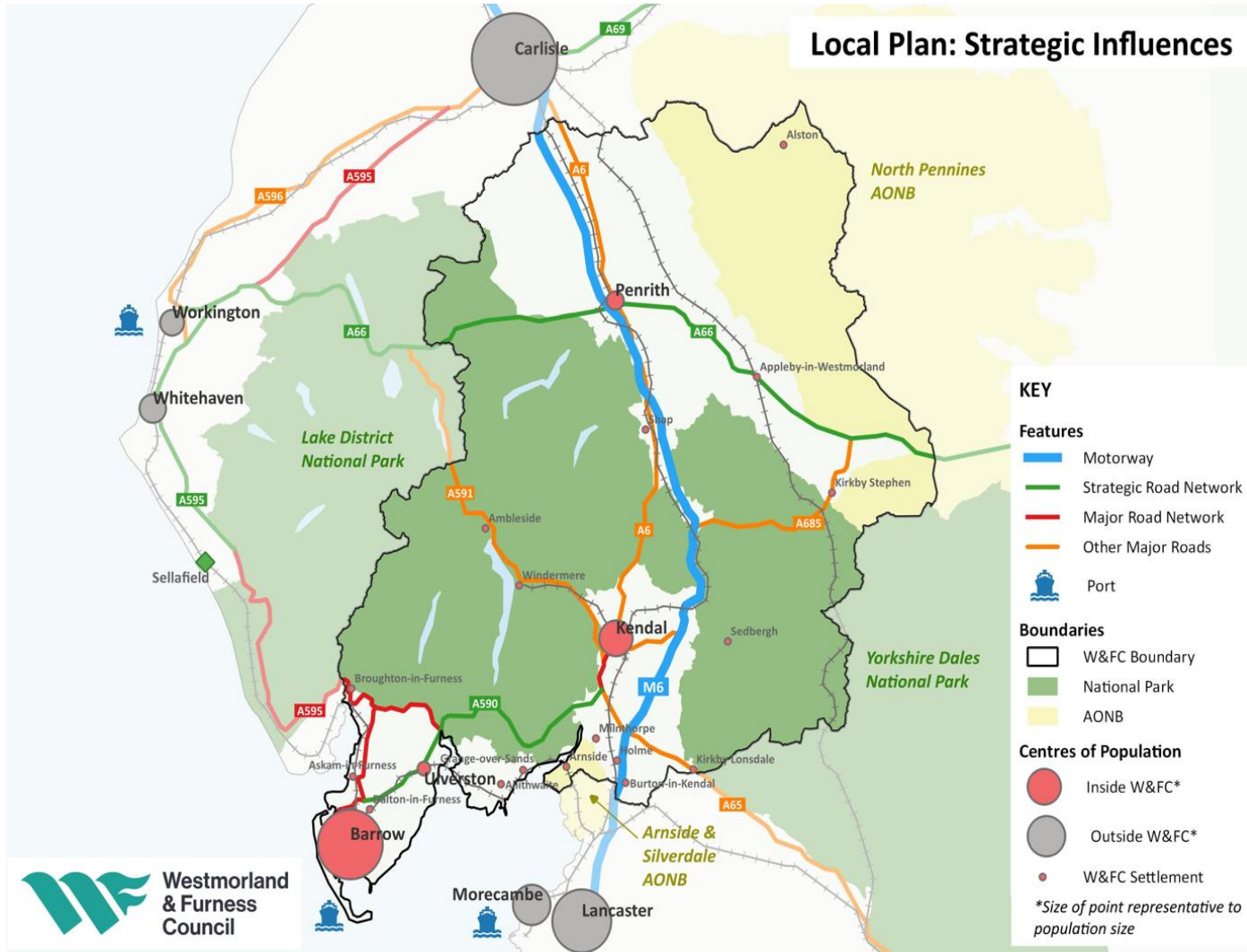


# W&F's journey to Net Zero

- New Council formed April 2023
- Lib Dem Cabinet
- Climate and Biodiversity Crises



# Westmorland and Furness Geography



# Our Council Plan, Delivery Framework and Climate Change Action Plan

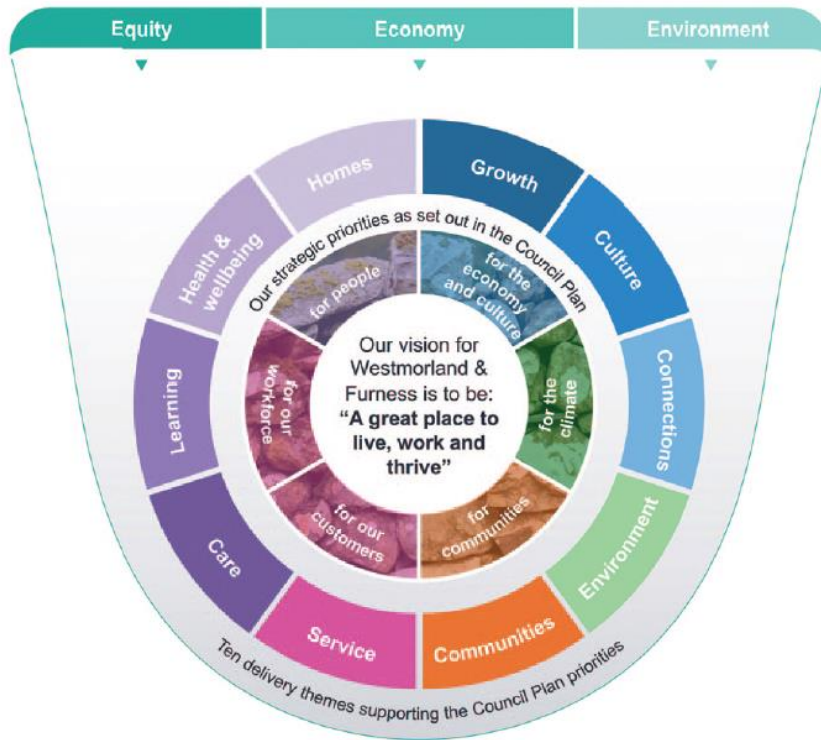


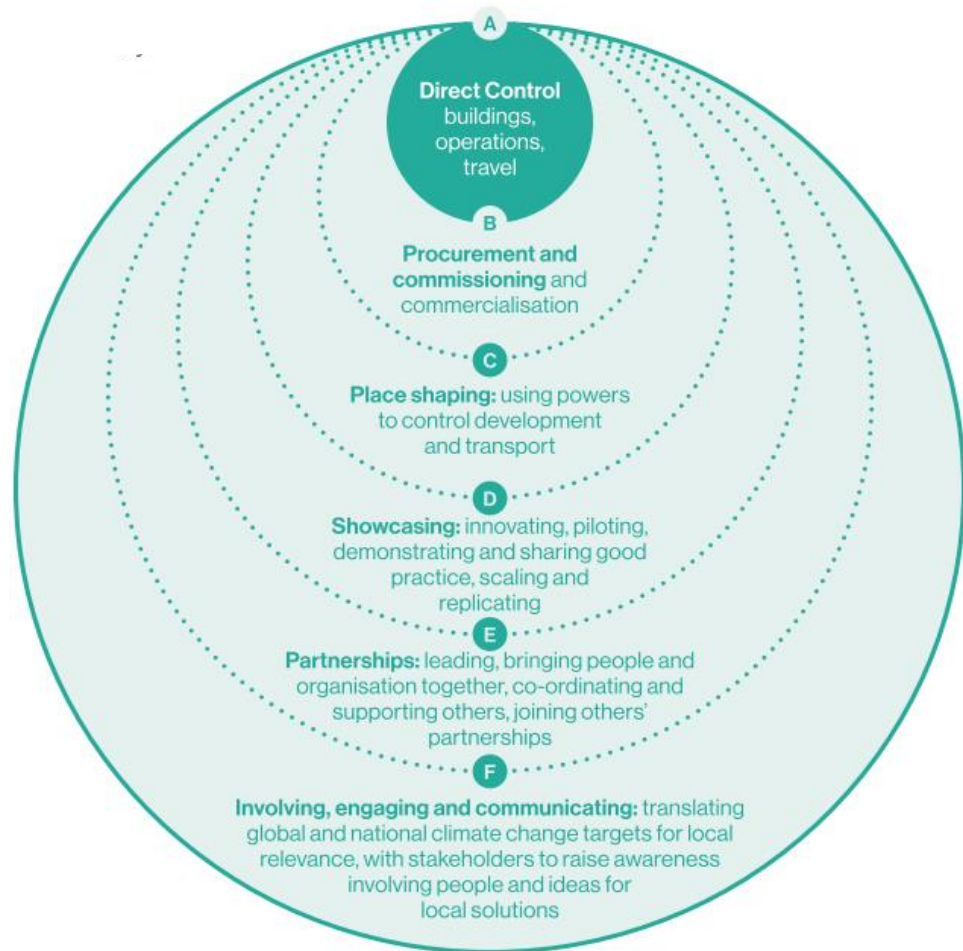
Figure 5 - Westmorland and Furness Council's strategic priorities and delivery themes as set out in the Council Plan.



# Creating the Climate Change Action Plan

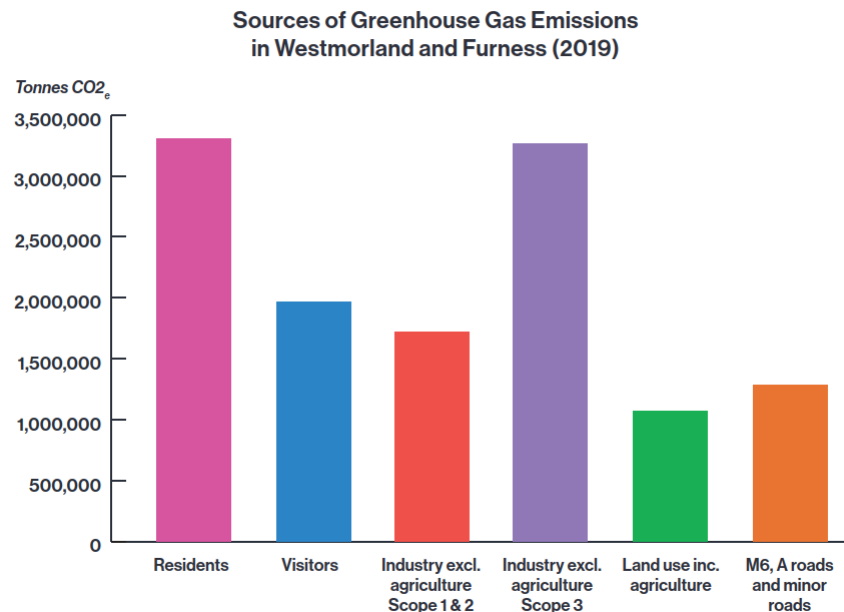
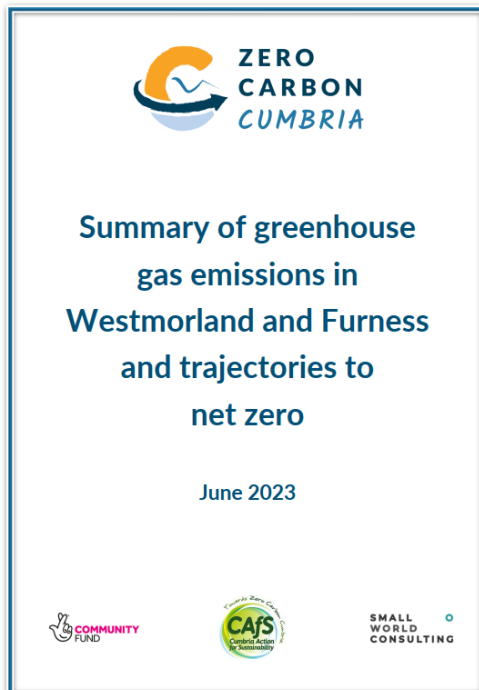
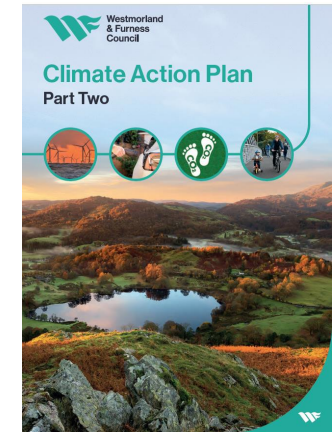
- Scope of influence

## Six Key Themes:



# Climate Change Action Plan Part 2

- Over 120 actions
- Worked up with the teams across the council and through external engagement in our Climate Conversations
- Using data from the Carbon Management Strategy ZCCP produced for W&F



# Year 1 Key Achievements

- Ambitious members – including PH for Climate Change and Biodiversity and Assistant Director for Climate Change and Natural Environments
- Climate Change Action Plan launched as the first Action Plan of the council. Part 2 with detailed actions adopted in January 2024.
- Our first Solar Farm – 2MW saving around 507 tonnes of CO2e and generate enough power to power our 5 leisure centres
- Voreda House – first retrofit office building to meet PassivHaus EnerPHit standard in the UK



# Climate and Nature Team

- Climate and Environment Partnership Grants - £900k
- Carbon Literacy Training being rolled out available to all staff – aiming for Silver Accreditation next year.
- Innovate UK Net Zero Living - £150k Rural Net Zero – working with CAfS, local businesses and Cumbria Tourism
- Greening Business Scheme – audits and grants to businesses in W&F to help reduce their emissions

**Carbon Literacy  
Project**



**Innovate  
UK**





# Across the Council



Shared Prosperity Funding:

Green Doctor programme £198k

W&F Green Enterprise Hub –CAFS - set up support small and medium sized businesses to decarbonise. £571,359



Fleet Decarbonisation Strategy – being developed early next year



Active Travel/ Bus Service Improvement Plan



Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – LEVI funding £3.2m



Green Libraries Action Plan in development



Low Carbon Skills Fund for Schools - £375k



Leisure Centres: Installing triple glazing and solar at Penrith and Appleby pools, upgrading pool air handling units, installing ASHP



# Collaboration



# In partnership with ZCCP

Members of the  
Strategic Oversight  
Board

Sector Groups  
Participation

ZCCP Summit

Emission Reduction  
Action Plans  
Response

Citizen's Assembly  
Oversight Panel

Linking to  
Community Power  
- training

Local Authority  
Climate Policy  
Group – facilitated  
by ZCCP





**ZERO CARBON  
*CUMBRIA*  
PARTNERSHIP**



# Multi-agency, 320+ members, 80+ organisations





## PRIORITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACTIONS

### Transport and mobility

- Reduce need to travel
- Travel Better
- Make Transport Cleaner
- New emission avoidance

### Buildings

- Energy demand reduction: Improve efficiency of building stock
- Energy demand reduction: Low carbon technologies
- Energy demand reduction: Improving new buildings

### Consumption and waste

- Sustainable consumption
- Circular Economy - Reuse, repair, compost
- Waste Reduction (Recycle)
- Reducing emissions through Waste Management

### Farming and other land use

- Sequestration through Peatland restoration and planting
- Scaling shifts to environmentally sustainable farming practices





# Community Climate Grants

*Towards Zero Carbon Cumbria*



## CUMBRIA SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK

SUMMARY OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN CUMBRIA

AND TRAJECTORIES TOWARDS NET ZERO



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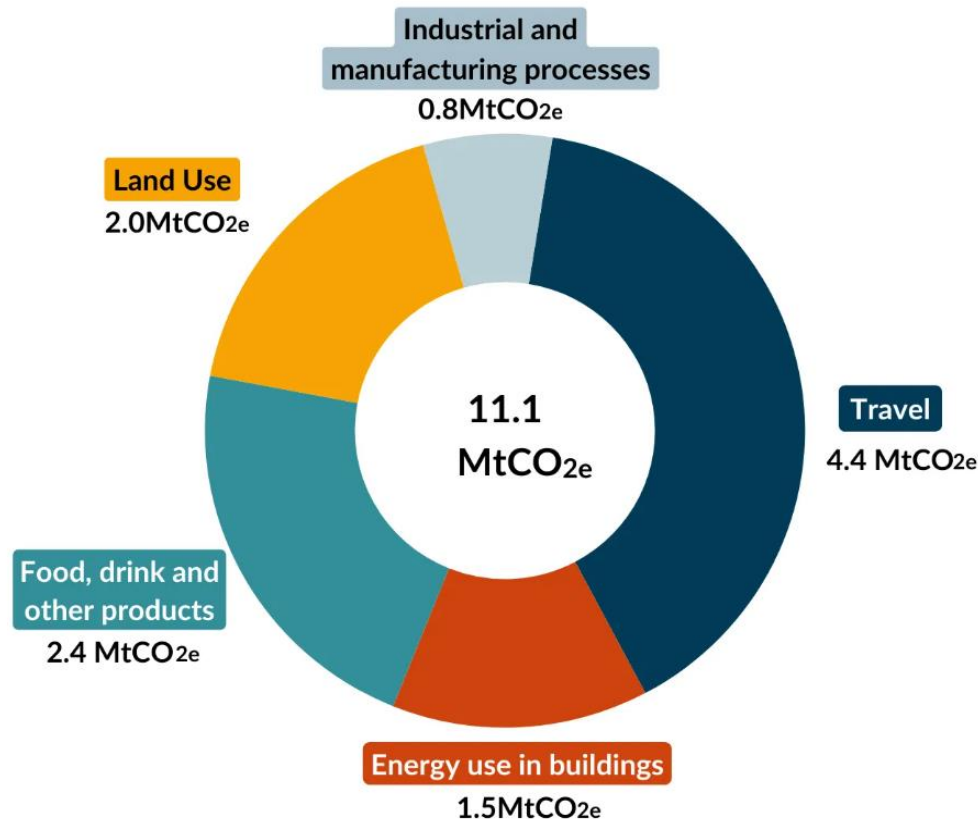


# Introduction

ZCCP was formed in 2019 with a vision “to work towards a net zero carbon county by 2037 with improved quality of life, people living in balance with their environment and a sustainable low carbon economy.”

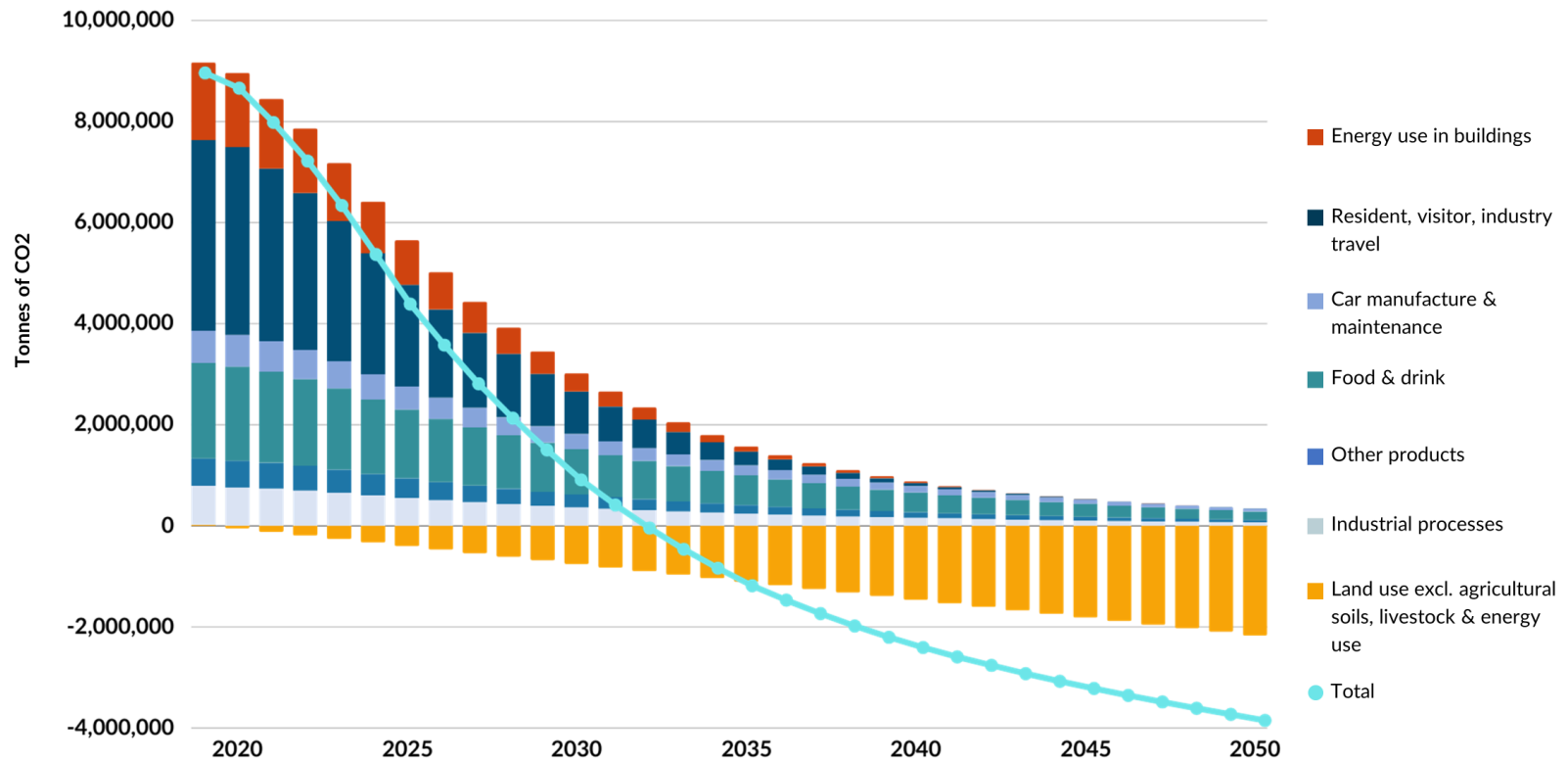


Breakdown of Cumbria's  
priority emissions





# Our Net Zero trajectory



*Trajectories to net zero by 2037 - Cumbria*



# Cumbria Net Zero



Zero Carbon Cumbria Summit



*What have we been doing?*

*Launch of the Emissions reduction action plans.*

*Initial communication and feedback plans*

*Zero Carbon Cumbria Summit*

*Public communications and feedback*

*First draft of the Cumbria decarbonisation plan*

*Public/partner consultation*

*Aim for final plans to be published*

2024

Spring

Summer

Autumn-Winter





*Benefits of tackling climate change*



**Influence – national & local  
ambition**

**Data - Robust  
baseline**



**ZERO CARBON  
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**Capability and  
capacity  
building**

**Emission reduction,  
implementation and  
monitoring progress**

**Supporting partners –  
collaborative action**



Any Questions?

