

What is the Strategy for a Sustainable Future?

York & North Yorkshire's **Strategy for a Sustainable Future** is a regional plan to support our communities and businesses, and tackle climate change.

Why York and North Yorkshire?

As floods, droughts, storms, and wildfires intensify and the cost of living rises across the world and in our own region, now is the time for York and North Yorkshire to show true leadership in climate action.

We will help deliver this by focusing on the key areas of:



Securing Energy Independence



Moving Towards a Circular Economy



Enhancing our Environment

The Strategy will support healthy & thriving communities, transform our economy, and help York and North Yorkshire lead the way to become England's first carbon negative region by 2040.

What does this mean for you?

- More **affordable energy bills**
- Warmer, more **comfortable homes**
- Cleaner air & **better health**
- Safer, more convenient and **sustainable travel** options
- New, **high-quality jobs**
- Opportunities to **connect with others** in your community and drive forward climate action projects together.

Overall, creating healthier, thriving communities and a more resilient economy.

How do we get there?



Support communities in becoming more energy self-sufficient and generate local benefit through **increasing community owned clean energy**.



Strengthen local economies and supply chains through **community and local business uptake of the circular economy**. For example, reducing waste, and sharing resources.



Create more comfortable, affordably heated homes by supporting residents to **upgrade homes and install sustainable heating systems**.



Shape greener and cleaner local landscapes and improve wellbeing through **community biodiversity, nature, and food growing projects**.



Create healthier and more connected communities through investing in **sustainable, accessible transport for communities**. For example, improving active travel routes.



Future-proof our communities against the impacts of climate change and extreme weather through **supporting practical adaptation measures**. For example, investing in natural flood defences.