

WM2041: putting an environmental recovery plan into action



WM2041 – the progress so far



#WM2041 – the action plan

- A plan to identify actions to take us to net zero carbon emissions by 2041
- Approved by the WMCA Board on 17th Jan
- Formal launch on 23rd Jan
- Consultation closed on 12th March

High-level feedback from organisations and the public:

- A clear action plan will be important for delivery
- We need to consider governance and who needs to deliver on what
- There needs to be transparency in monitoring
- Amongst the public, active travel and energy efficiency were preferred methods of tackling climate change
- People generally feel they need more support and advice on how to do the right thing, but.....
-they want to continue to be involved in addressing climate change
- There are still a significant minority of climate change sceptics!

.....and then COVID-19 happened.....

How do we move forward?

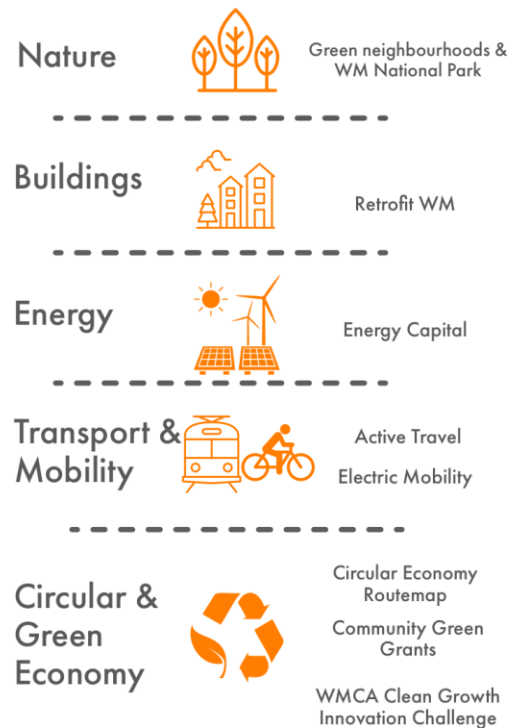
1. We do not want to go back to business as usual
2. We want to retain some things from the times we are living in
3. How can the 'green economy' offer an opportunity going forward?

We are thinking about all these things in relation to the WM2041 plan and subsequent consultation in the following phases: urgent action, 12-month priorities, five-year delivery plans.

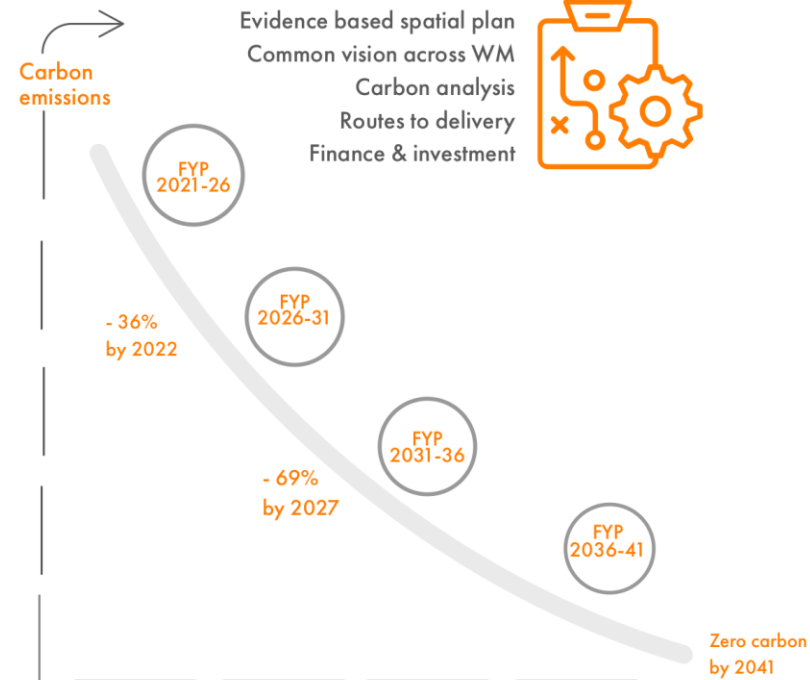
WM2041 Programme



2 2020 Activity



3 WM2041 Five Year Plans



0-4 and 4-9 month actions

- West Midlands green financing
- West Midlands Clean Growth Challenge
- WM Circular Economy Taskforce
- Community Green Grants
- Reinforcing the region's energy infrastructure to support green growth
- Active travel
- Urban Transformation Fund (brownfield sites)
- Communications and behaviour change

12 month actions

- A regional retrofit programme
- Zero carbon homes charter and routemap
- WM Circular Economy routemap and action plan
- Electric Mobility
- Green neighbourhoods, natural capital and a WM National Park
- Investment, procurement and assets
- Disclosing carbon emissions to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
- Five year delivery plans

QUESTIONS FOR BREAKOUT GROUPS

Circular economy

1. What do you think the main opportunities are for the Circular Economy in the WM? What particular sectors and initiatives stand out for the West Midlands?
2. What do you think needs to happen to kick start a Circular Economy movement in the WM?

Finance: procurement, investment and assets

1. Where are the example of good organisational leadership in this space in relation to green/ sustainable public procurement?
2. How can the public sector support business in the region through procurement/ financing routes?

Natural capital

1. What are the opportunities for increasing access to green space as we emerge from COVID-19 lockdown – how do we ensure that this is inclusive?
2. What are the skills gaps/ opportunities to increase the green space that we have across the region?

Retrofit

1. How do we incentivise retrofit in the private rental sector – splitting the benefits between landlord and tenant?
2. National, regional, local - how do we bring the key stakeholders together to deliver retrofit at scale and pace required?



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