

## North Yorkshire Council Election 5 May 2022

### Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership Climate Change Survey

Candidate name	Party	Division
Kevin Foster	Green Party	Hipswell & Colburn

1. What do you think of the existing North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council climate change commitments and targets?

2. What do you think the top climate action priorities of the new Council should be? Please mention up to three.

**New housing to have solar panels heat pumps and electric vehicle charging points. Increase recycling rates. All council buildings to be Carbon Zero by 2027.**

3. Which statement below best describes how you feel about action on climate change in the context of all that the new North Yorkshire Council will have to do?

**1) All service design and budget decisions should help and not hinder the transition to net zero carbon emissions across North Yorkshire.**

2) The impact of service delivery and budget decisions on climate change should only be considered where it does not entail excessive cost.

3) The need to keep costs to a minimum means that climate change should be a secondary consideration in making decisions on service delivery and budgets.

4. If elected, what one thing do you personally want to achieve in the Richmondshire area to tackle climate change?

**Lobby government to get the Government waste (...)**

5. If elected, would you support a minimum commitment to convert all council owned and council contracted vehicles to Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles and Zero Emission Vehicles, and provide associated recharging and refuelling infrastructure?

**Yes**

6. If elected, would you support the early adoption of local plan policies and the introduction of incentives to ensure all new development and changes to existing buildings help the Richmondshire area to transition to net zero carbon emissions?

**Yes**

7. What more do you think the new Council could do to help local residents, businesses and visitors to reduce their waste and to recycle the waste that they cannot avoid generating?

**Lobby government to publish their strategy so the Council could adapt vehicles to collect and make them electric.**

8. If elected, what changes do you believe are needed over the next 5 years to the use and management of our rural landscape to best address climate change?

**We need to follow all councils' climate action plans and achieve zero by the climate emergency motions.**

9. And finally, in a single sentence, what would you like local people to know about your stance and commitment to taking action on climate change?

**If we can achieve our ambitions we will all benefit from living in a greener, cleaner place.**