

## North Yorkshire Council Election 5 May 2022

### Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership Climate Change Survey

Candidate name	Party	Division
Leslie Rowe	Independent	Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale

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

**Not achievable given existing policies of both councils. For instance, despite councillors being committed to low emission vehicles, council officers continue to purchase diesel-powered vehicles.**

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

**1. Reduce CO2 emissions from all activities of the council. 2. Reduce CO2 emissions from all sources in North Yorkshire. 3. Replace private vehicles with public transport wherever this is achievable and have a comprehensive network of well publicised cycle ways across the county.**

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?

**To reverse the current NYCC bias against building cycle ways in Richmondshire. The leader of NYCC has confirmed that any money for cycle ways will only be spent in the larger urban areas such as Scarborough and Harrogate.**

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?

**Persuade retailers to reduce their packaging and have a comprehensive recycling structure that doesn't include incineration.**

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?

**Developing rural transport and energy efficiency, reducing the number of animals used for food, increasing the growing of organic crops and drastically limiting building on green field sites.**

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?

**I am committed to the cause of net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Climate change is the number one danger to our survival as a species and the survival of our planet.**