

North Yorkshire Council Election 5 May 2022

Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership Climate Change Survey

Candidate name	Party	Division
Stuart Parsons	Independent	Richmond

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

Targets are strong but commitment is questionable.

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

Invest in alternative energies. Hydro, wind and solar.

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?

Install a full network of Electric Vehicle Charging Points.

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?

Organise a travelling recycling facility with dates or each location published in advance so that everyone can recycle everything.

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?

Encourage sustainable production and remove all incentives for intensive farming. Trees and hedgerows need to be re-instated and landowners incentivised to return land to its natural state.

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?

Climate change is the most urgent threat to our planet and I believe that we can solve it by taking action as communities and helping others to understand the importance of this issue.