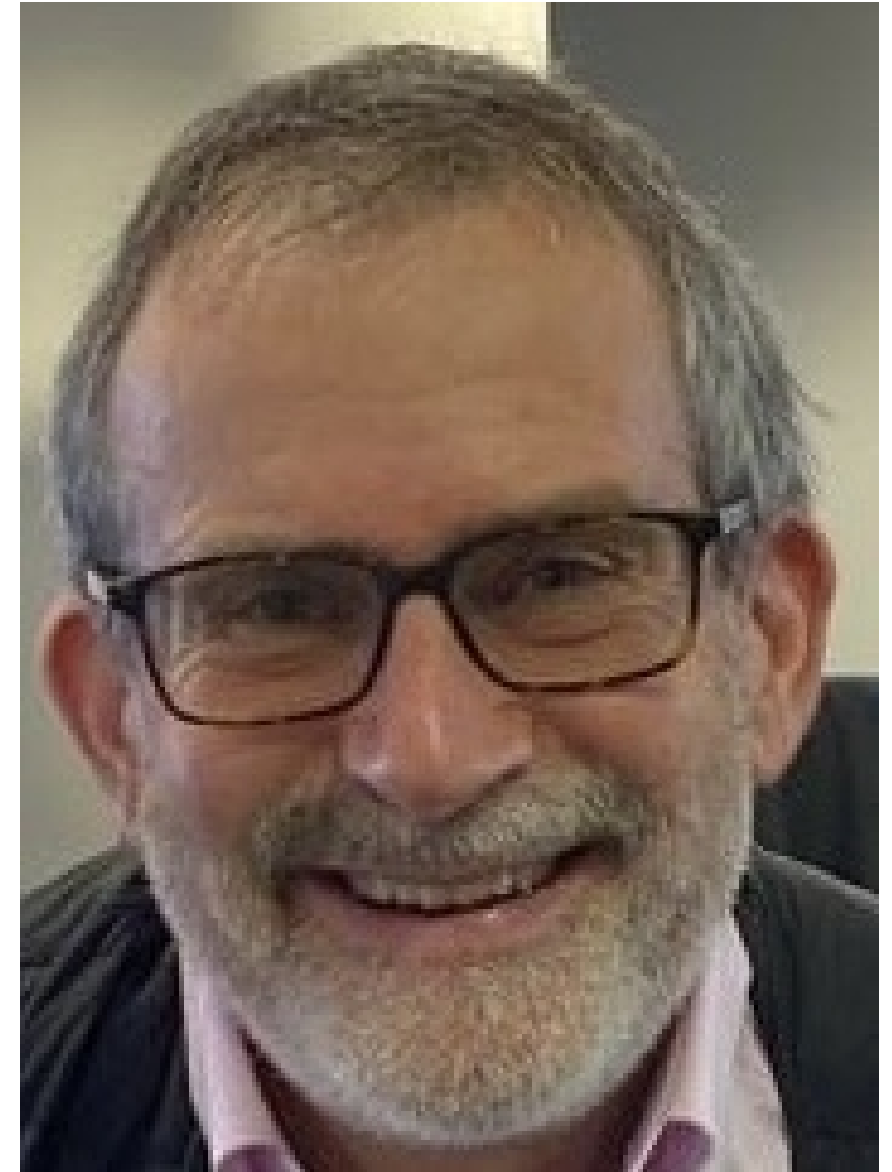


Climate Change* Champion Role

*This includes better land, air and water quality.*Biodiversity is included within Climate Change*

Clearly the role will evolve, and feedback is always welcome.



Graduate of the UK100 leadership academy

UK100 is a network of local leaders who have pledged to lead rapid transition to net zero with Clean air in their communities ahead of the governments legal target.

- [UK100 | Network of highly ambitious local government leaders for cleaner, more powerful communities](#)

We must all be Climate Change Champions now. Owning and mitigating our impact on the world by measuring our carbon footprint and other actions we take on the natural world if we are to preserve this planet.

As elected representatives we must play our part not only in regulation, scrutiny and investment but in influencing and enabling others to be part of the solution.

Maintain a determined focus on regional policy development and implementation of measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change

1. Champion Councillors to make a difference to climate change.

- Making sure they have access to Climate Change Training starting with the in house program
- Encourage them to support local initiatives / Groups
- To interrogate all reports and policies through a lens of its impact on the climate and environment to ensure climate mitigation and adaptation is business as usual. To prioritise where climate change can help cut the cost of living.
- Encourage them to get their residents to respond to consultations – this is an opportunity to enable your residents to have their say!
- Talk to your parish councils
- To Support Chairs of Scrutiny in their roles from a climate change perspective.

1. How Scrutiny Chairs can help fight climate change and support the Council's climate change policy

- Build into your meeting schedule regular carbon emission reporting
- For all policy areas, ask the Director or Assistant Directors how this helps them achieve their climate change goals as well as delivering the service towards NYC needs.
- Interrogate how sustainable those services are, e.g. use of disposal resources (fuel, single use plastics, printings, etc...)
- How each service could enable others to save carbon? for example modal shift, alternative heating, education etc.
- How prepared each service is responding to the effects of climate change, e.g. flooding, abnormal temperatures/heat, etc...

1. Raising NYC officers to a new level

Our officers are talented but we can help them grow by asking them great questions.

But don't ask "Why" questions! – it carries negative connotations and puts the questionee on the defensive, so start a question with something like "what are your reasons for / behind this suggestion"

A great question might look like, for example, in regard to the local transport plan

What might "going to Work and School" look like in 2040? What impact will this have on transport?

Universities are currently looking at 3 day weeks to support students so they can work on other days. I don't know any office worker who goes to an office more than 3 times a week now.

2. Champion environmental policy formulation in the council

- Monitoring and measuring and holding to account NYC performance with the new climate change policy. Good ***Governance***
- Follow the Routemap to Carbon Negative - [Routemap to Carbon Negative](#) [Good Governance](#)
- Supporting the environmental and climate change assistant director and complementing the work of the executive members in particular the one tasked with Managing Our Environment
- Helping in Formulation of Key policies that will impact on climate change – nearly all of them. The most important and most imminent are the
 - Local Plan
 - Local Transport network

2. Consulting and ways of Engaging the Public

- How is it going to feed into your decision making?
- Different methodologies have different costs
- The methodology should be commensurate to the cost of the work and what do you find out
- For example a multi million pound decarbonisation scheme could merit an assembly but a local LTN might be pop up stalls
- Councillors must Initiate/ Scrutiny / Support whichever process

3. Champion the council power to convene meetings and build partnerships with key strategic providers

- Brierley Companies
- NHS - ICB
- The Police and Fire - food fraud, rural crime, climate change impact response
- The Farming Community – food security – engaging with GROW Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire Food Partnership food security
- Yorkshire Water - Quality water supply and flood management – The River Nidd project
- Northern PowerGrid/ National Grid - Green energy security
- Further Education - green skills requirement (4 in 5 jobs relate to transition by 2050)
- Business – green skills requirement (4 in 5 jobs relate to transition by 2050) through the LEP the circular economy – working differently, minimising waste
- York City Council Liaison
- National Parks – Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors. 3 AONBs.
- Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission

4. Champion all the environmental groups that are making a difference.

- **Visit and Champion projects** and groups across North Yorkshire: At the moment I am visiting ½ dozen projects who are short listed for the caring for the environment award.
- I have proposed **Four North Yorkshire Earthshot Awards** for next year (I will be looking for sponsorship of these awards)

For individuals or local groups; For Schools; For Farmers; For businesses.

- **Knowledge Share:** The officers have found a database that may be used for climate change volunteers' network on which they can contribute and share best practice. Meeting with North Yorkshire Climate Coalition on a regular basis with others to be added such as the CPRE
- Encourage groups to engage with the local Area Constituency Committee
- Encourage all groups to participate and engage in all council consultations influencing how we all combat climate change

4. Network, Celebrate, Communicate and PR

- Enable the creation of a **Community or Network** of highly effective environmental groups across North Yorkshire to share ideas, knowledge, resources and best practice
- Facilitate the **Communication** of their message
- Celebrate their **Successes**
- Shine a light on their **Achievements**
- Consider how **their solutions** may be used more widely
- Create **advocates** of NYC action

5. Champion the UN's Strategic Development goals

In 2015 our government, along with most other governments in the world signed up to the Sustainable Development Goals.

*“The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – **all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.**”*

Goals for a better world





Here is an overview of **7** SDGs that have strong links to soil.

Via **United Nations**

Soil and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Many global policy frameworks, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), directly and indirectly address land and soil. Many of these SDGs cannot be achieved without healthy soils and a sustainable land use. Below is an overview of the SDGs with strong links to soil.



Source: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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