



South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

SOUTH YORKSHIRE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

Final Report
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



SOUTH YORKSHIRE IN ONE ROOM

Between October and December 2023, a representative group of 100 residents from across the region came together to form South Yorkshire's first ever Citizens' Assembly.

The residents were identified by lottery after 30,000 invitation letters were sent to a randomised list of households in the four local authority areas of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

The Citizens' Assembly was designed to be representative of the region's population, with the 100 members selected to ensure the room matched the demographic and attitudinal profile of South Yorkshire's population.

The process, while following an established democratic practice that is used all over the world, was an innovative approach for South Yorkshire.



DOING POLITICS DIFFERENTLY



Over the course of five meetings, taking place in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield, the Citizens' Assembly completed a journey of learning, deliberation and voting to come up with an answer to the following question:

“The way our climate is changing will impact us all. How should we respond, to build a thriving and sustainable future for South Yorkshire?”

The main result of the process is a vision for a thriving and sustainable future and a series of ideas for action, which are supported across the diverse Assembly membership. In addition, the Citizens' Assembly provided an opportunity to do politics differently – bringing diverse, often unheard voices from all walks of life into the heart of decision making on the most challenging of issues.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report is written by TPXimpact, to help South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, local authorities, partner organisations and the wider public to understand how the Citizens' Assembly was delivered, what the Citizens' Assembly recommended and any lessons for future Citizens' Assemblies or other deliberative processes.

The Citizens' Assembly produced:

- A [vision for a thriving and sustainable South Yorkshire](#), that speaks to the themes of health & wellbeing, mobility, place and work.
- [14 priority ideas for action](#) in South Yorkshire to make that vision a reality
- A [shortlist of 20 additional ideas for action](#) that will contribute towards advancing the vision.



BACKGROUND

MAYORAL PLANS

On 6 May 2022, Oliver Coppard was elected as South Yorkshire's Mayor and became Chair of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

His manifesto, [*Our Future: Rebuilding the pride, purpose and prosperity of South Yorkshire*](#), stated a clear intention to hold a Citizens' Assembly:

“I will take personal responsibility for driving our strategy for achieving net-zero carbon emissions in South Yorkshire by 2040, convening a South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly so that everyone in our region has an opportunity to shape how we respond to the climate emergency.”

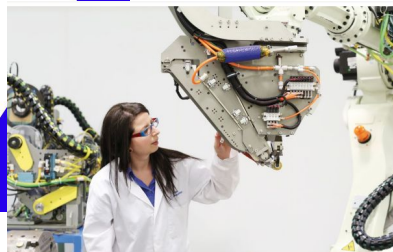


LONG TERM COMMITMENTS

Maturity Assessment: Participatory Democracy

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

TPXimpact



Our Strategic Economic Plan 2021-2041

Version 2.0 | 01.01.2022



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Published in 2021, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and Local Enterprise Partnership's 20-year [Strategic Economic Plan](#), had previously committed the region to building a building a greener and fairer economy by:

“nurturing our economy whilst protecting people and the environment, generating our own clean energy, and reaching net-zero emissions by 2041.”

In addition, a [pilot exercise and maturity assessment conducted by TPXimpact in 2022](#), had successfully demonstrated to the potential for South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to adopt more deliberative and participatory approaches to democratic engagement.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

In Spring 2023, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority invited tenders from organisations with suitable experience and expertise to design and deliver a Citizens' Assembly for South Yorkshire.

The purpose of the Assembly would be to:

“bring together members of the population of South Yorkshire to discuss, deliberate and advise on South Yorkshire’s Net Zero future. The Assembly will report into the Mayor and help shape policy and our collective response to the Climate Emergency.”

[TPXimpact](#) was commissioned to design and deliver the South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly.

We support public bodies and third sector organisations to build a better future for people, places and the planet.

We use a range of tools, including service design, digital transformation, community engagement and deliberative democracy to put people's voices at the heart of change.



PROJECT TEAM

The design and delivery of the South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly was overseen by a blended team of SYMCA and TPXimpact staff



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Mayor of
South Yorkshire



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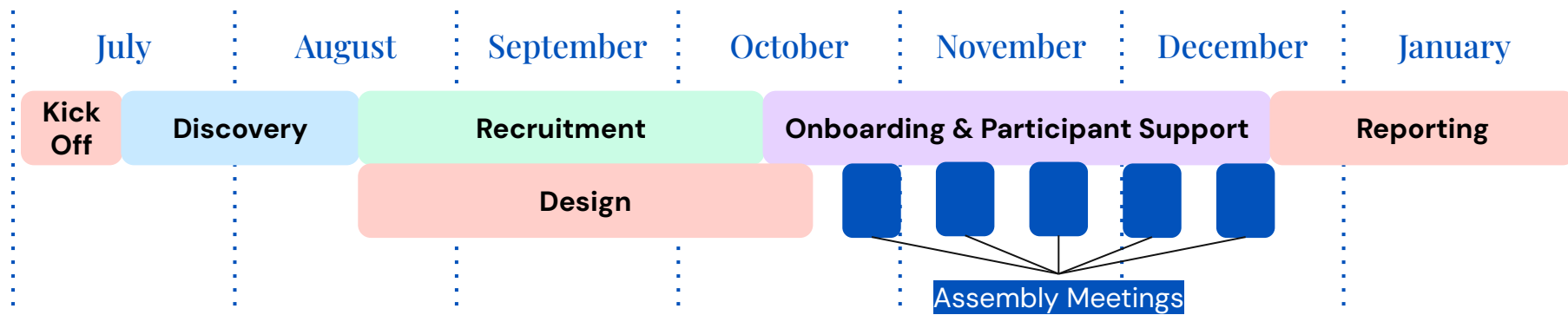
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TIMELINE



The South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly was designed and delivered over a seven month period.

The time was divided between a series of phases, each focussed on specific tasks:

- **Kick Off** – Setting up the project team
- **Discovery** – Learning from local stakeholders and partner organisations to shape the delivery plan
- **Onboarding & Participant Support** – Helping ensure the Assembly was accessible to all participants

- **Recruitment** – Working with Sortition Foundation to identify and select participants
- **Design** – Developing a coherent learning journey, finding expert contributors and planning activities to support deliberation during Assembly meetings
- **Assembly Meetings** – Five in-person gatherings in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield
- **Reporting** – Preparing reports on the final outputs and lessons learned from the process

DISCOVERY

ENGAGING LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

In order to ensure the Citizens' Assembly was of maximum value and relevance to South Yorkshire, we took time to speak to a variety of local stakeholders as part of an iterative design process.

We conducted 12 discovery interviews with representatives from:

- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
- South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre
- City of Doncaster Council
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

These conversations helped us to learn more about the local context and explore existing hopes and concerns about the Citizens' Assembly in greater depth.

Each participant was able to share their perspective on:

- The purpose and desired outcomes for the Citizens' Assembly
- The most relevant themes for South Yorkshire or specific aspects of the climate emergency that resonate locally and are worth focusing on
- How to form the guiding question for the Citizens' Assembly

The interviews gave us direct insight into the most relevant and urgent issues around climate change for South Yorkshire. They also played a part in maintaining good relationships across local government, which we were able to draw upon when looking for speakers.

DESIGN

DESIGN WORKSHOP

In August, the project team came together for a design workshop in Sheffield to agree the guiding principles and elements of the design process.

Using the notes and insights from the discovery interviews as a starting point, the team were able to set the vision, desired outcomes, themes, structure and guiding question for the Citizens' Assembly.

Clarity of vision and approach to the Assembly was especially important in this context. South Yorkshire's Citizens' Assembly would be the first in the UK initiated by a Mayoral Combined Authority. The design of the Assembly needed to recognise the specific powers and constraints inherent in the role of the Mayor, as well as the fact that SYMCA is a partnership of local authorities who each have their own powers and identity.

Unlike some deliberative processes, where the recommendations generated can be delivered to a commissioning body or politician with full powers to implement them, this Assembly would need to engage with the subject matter and inspire action in a different way.



VISION & DESIRED OUTCOMES



The project team alighted on five key aims for the Citizens' Assembly that would help guide decisions about it's structure and outputs:

- Give people a greater sense of agency in our decision-making, leading to a more inclusive climate policy
- Build a network of engaged citizens
- Have the voices of all four local authority areas represented
- Understand people's preferences, comfort levels and red lines
- Build a mandate that allows the Mayor and SYMCA to pursue new policies and actions

KEY THEMES

After setting clear aims for the Assembly process, the project team turned to the question of which issues Assembly members will need to learn about to achieve those desired outcomes and produce a useful a final product.

The key themes were chosen after identifying which subject areas:

- Had most potential to resonate with the participants' lived experience
- Spoke to locally contentious issues or ongoing debates about how to build a thriving and sustainable region
- Have the highest potential to influence South Yorkshire's path to net zero

These themes acted as anchors around which a learning journey for participants could be constructed:

- **Health**
- **Mobility**
- **Place**
- **Work**



SETTING THE QUESTION

A good question will help focus Assembly members on the specific context and challenge they have been gathered to respond to. The project team reflected on [research into what makes a good Assembly question](#) and the emerging vision for what was needed in South Yorkshire before identifying some clear principles for setting question. These included:

DO	DON'T
Use a real question	Merely use a subject description
Share the problem or dilemma	Propose or lead participants to a specific solution
Aim for brevity and clarity	Use compound questions or put multiple questions in the same statement
Clearly state any parameters, trade offs or boundaries	Set a remit that's too small to justify the detailed and costly process

THE QUESTION

**The way our climate is
changing will impact us all.
How should we respond to
build a thriving and sustainable
future for South Yorkshire?**

THE QUESTION - EXPLAINED

Clear statement
of the problem

**The way our climate is changing
will impact us all. How should
we respond to build a thriving
and sustainable future for
South Yorkshire?**

Clear statement of
parameters and
trade offs required

A real question

The Assembly will call for
action from all residents
and stakeholders, not just
the Mayor.

LEARNING JOURNEY

With the question, key themes and overall vision becoming clear through the iterative design process, we soon were able to map out a suitable learning journey for participants.

About **30 hours of learning and deliberation** were divided into five themed meetings:

Meeting 1 was an introductory session to provide all participants with an introduction to the process, their fellow Assembly members and a high-level understanding of climate change in South Yorkshire.

Meetings 2 and 3 provided opportunities to learn about the four key themes through listening to expert speakers, group discussions with Assembly members and exploring initial ideas for action.

Meetings 4 and 5 saw participants bring together all they had learned, deliberate, prioritise and vote to select specific ideas for action to be shared with the Mayor and SYMCA.



FINAL OUTPUTS

The form taken by the final outputs produced by a Citizens' Assembly can vary according to the context, demands of the commissioning body or practical constraints.

In planning for this Assembly, the project team considered what outputs would speak most closely to the:

- **Question** – which calls for a vision of a “thriving and sustainable future” for South Yorkshire
- **Desired outcomes** – which emphasise agency, engagement and action from a variety of stakeholders, not limited to the Mayor
- **Political context** – South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority being a partnership of distinct local authorities, chaired by a directly elected Mayor. The Mayor's executive powers are limited and s/he often must lead through the exercise 'convening power' or inspiring others to take action.

These factors influenced our choice of final outputs, which Assembly members would produce at the end of the process:

- **Vision Statements** – a series of statements, written by Assembly members, outlining their vision of a thriving and sustainable South Yorkshire. These will paint a vivid picture of what kind of region the Assembly would like to build, and provide more context and rationale behind their recommendations.
- **Ideas for Action** – a series of specific proposals which the Assembly agree are necessary to build a thriving and sustainable future for the region. They will be written by Assembly members and will be presented in an open way, so they can be adopted by any relevant individual, community, business, organisation or decision maker to whom they may apply. The Assembly may rank or weight the ideas to indicate their prioritisation.

RECRUITMENT

DEMOCRATIC LOTTERY

A key feature of Citizens' Assemblies is that their members are broadly representative of the demographics of the place where they are held (e.g. age, gender, socio-economic status and ethnicity). To achieve this standard, we worked with [Sortition Foundation](#) to recruit participants via a [democratic lottery selection process](#).

30,000 invitation packages were distributed to randomly selected households in the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield local authority areas, using the Royal Mail Postcode Address File.

20% of the invitations were specifically targeted to postcodes within Index of Multiple Deprivation deciles 1-3 (the most deprived areas). This was to compensate for the typical skewing of responses toward more affluent areas, which is seen in such processes around the UK.

Each package contained an invitation card, letter from the Mayor and a leaflet containing key details about the Assembly and registration process. Residents could register their interest in participating via a designated website, freephone telephone number or QR code.

Registration was open to anyone aged 16 or over who is normally resident in South Yorkshire.

The following people were not eligible to apply to take part: SYMCA employees; elected representatives from any level of government; paid employees of any political party; council employees working in any politically restricted post.

RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

OLIVER COPPARD
SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S MAYOR

14 September 2023

To the communities of South Yorkshire,

I'm Oliver, South Yorkshire's Mayor. I'm asking you to join me as we shape South Yorkshire's future through a Citizens' Assembly.

Because of the way the world's climate is changing, we are all going to be asked to change how we live our lives.

If we get it right, we can make our homes warmer and cheaper to run, we can create thousands of jobs in the new industries of the future, and we can create healthier, cleaner and greener places to live, right across our region.

Change never comes without its challenges. In South Yorkshire, we know all too well what can happen when change is forced upon us from the outside; when our industries are shut down and our way of life is undermined in the name of progress.

As South Yorkshire's Mayor, I'm determined that we take on the challenge of climate change together, and we grasp the opportunities that change will present us with too. But to get there, I'll need your help. That's why we're organising a South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly, and compensating people for their time.

Our Citizens' Assembly is part of my promise to do politics differently, putting the voice of our communities at the heart of how we make decisions. You could be one of 100 people selected to take part in South Yorkshire, to represent the views of our community in answering the question:

The way our climate is changing will impact us all. How should we respond, to build a thriving and sustainable future for South Yorkshire?

The South Yorkshire Citizen's Assembly is how we start a conversation that will help us answer some difficult, urgent questions about our future. I have no doubt that if we work together, we can make sure that our best days truly are ahead of us.

If you'd like to join us, find out more details overleaf.

Best wishes,



Oliver Coppard, South Yorkshire's Mayor

Letter from Mayor Oliver Coppard

Invitation Card



OLIVER COPPARD
SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S MAYOR

You are invited to register your interest in the
South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly

**The way our climate is changing will impact us all.
How should we respond, to build a thriving and sustainable future for South Yorkshire?**

taking place in person on five weekend days from October to December 2023.
You will be compensated for your time.

Deadline for registering your interest in this event is **Sunday 1 October**
Register at www.sortitionfoundation.org/climate
or by phone on Freephone 0800 009 6486 (8am-10pm Monday to Friday,
9am-6pm Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays)



Key Details Leaflet

KEY DETAILS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Citizens' Assembly?

This Citizens' Assembly will follow an established democratic process that is used all over the world. It brings together a group of people selected by lottery, who broadly represent the entire community. The people who attend learn about issues, discuss them with one another, and then make recommendations about what should happen and how things should change.

Who is running the event?

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA)
Led by South Yorkshire's Mayor, Oliver Coppard, we bring together the local authorities of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. We work together to create a stronger, greener, fairer South Yorkshire, to unlock the potential of our communities, our businesses and our places so they can thrive. Our vision is for an economy which works for everyone, with inclusive and sustainable growth, building on our strengths in innovation and advanced manufacturing.

TPXimpact is a digital transformation and community engagement company supporting organisations to build a better future for people, places and the planet. www.tpximpact.com

The Sortition Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that specialises in recruiting and selecting people by lottery to take part in these

kinds of events, in a way that is broadly representative of the wider population. www.sortitionfoundation.org

What will taking part involve?

If you are selected to take part you will have the opportunity to meet with individuals from all walks of life who live in and around South Yorkshire. You will hear from engaging speakers, and you will discuss the issues involved in small groups, with facilitators to make sure everyone has their voice heard. You do not need to have any prior knowledge of the topics – all the information you need will be provided during the day.

Who can apply?

Anyone aged 16 and over by the close of registrations, who is normally resident in the area and who lives full or part time at an address that has received this invitation can apply, with a few exceptions set out below. Please note that a maximum of one person from any single household will be selected to participate.

The following people cannot apply: SYMCA employees; Elected representatives from any level of government; paid employees of any political party; council employees working in any politically restricted post.

FURTHER PUBLICITY

Recruitment was aided by additional promotion of the Citizens' Assembly by the Mayor and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

Press releases, online news articles social media and videos all helped explain to residents how the process would work and why it was important to get involved. We believe that these 'official' communications from the commissioning body may also have persuaded that the invitation they had received was legitimate and worthy of examination.



Promotional video

SELECTING PARTICIPANTS

Sortition Foundation conducted a stratified random selection of Assembly members from amongst those residents who had registered an interest. This was done according to an agreed target profile, which matched the demographic and attitudinal makeup of South Yorkshire in terms of:

- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Disability
- Occupation type
- Geography
 - *Which local authority area the participant lives in*
 - *Whether they live in an urban or rural area*
- Attitude to climate change
 - *How worried the participant is about climate change*

294 people applied to join the Citizens' Assembly

116 were selected as Assembly Members, in order to allow some room for people to drop out. Each was contacted individually to ensure they fully understood the commitment they were making and identify any accessibility needs.

16 people did withdraw ahead of the first meeting, primarily due to unforeseen personal circumstances (e.g. redundancy at work, family crises). Some individuals chose not to share their reason for withdrawing.

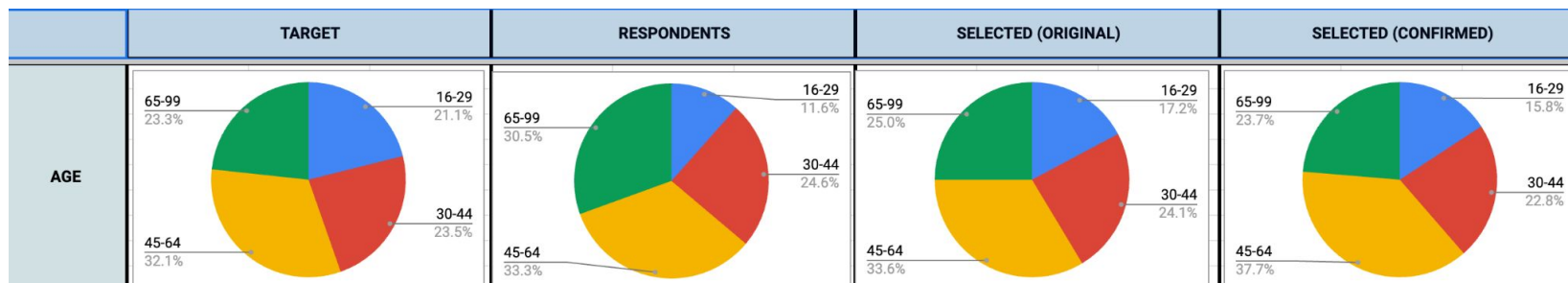
This left us with **100 Assembly members at the time of the first meeting** – exactly our target number. Of those, only **3** dropped out during the process.

ASSEMBLY COMPOSITION

We were successful in recruiting an Assembly that was broadly representative of the population of South Yorkshire in almost all respects. These graphs provide more detailed information about each aspect of the target profile.

Age

- Very close alignment with South Yorkshire population in 30–44 and 65–99 years old groupings.
- Slight underrepresentation of 16–29 year olds.
- Slight overrepresentation of 45–64 year olds.

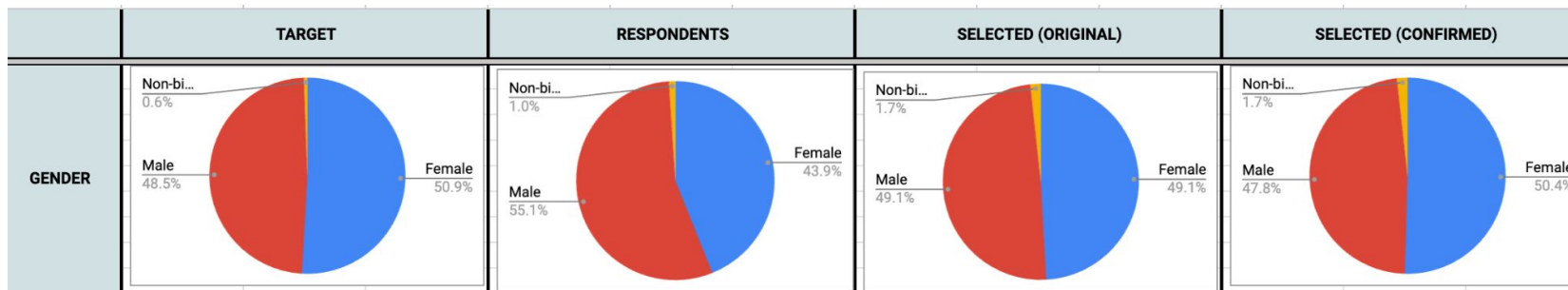


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Gender

- Very close alignment with South Yorkshire population for male and female participants.
- Slight overrepresentation of non-binary participants.

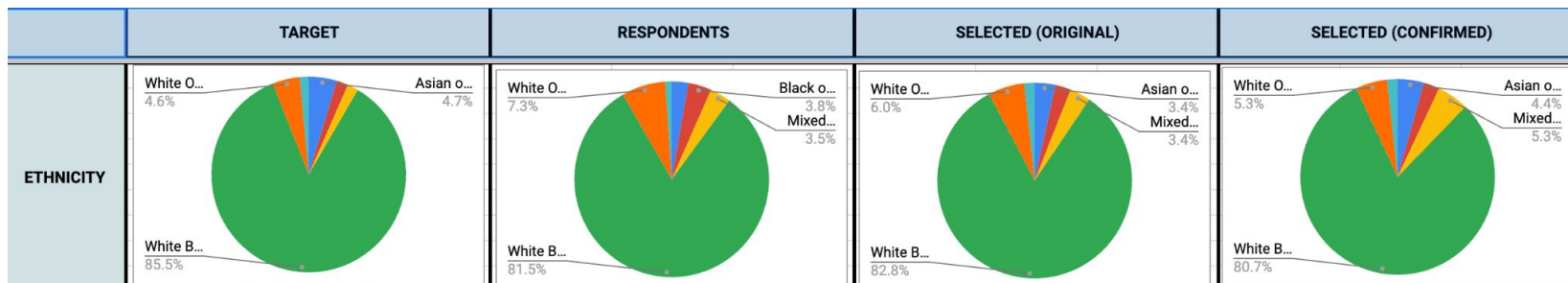


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Ethnicity

- Very close alignment with South Yorkshire population for most ethnic groups.
- Slight underrepresentation of white British participants meant a slightly more ethnically diverse cohort than the South Yorkshire population.

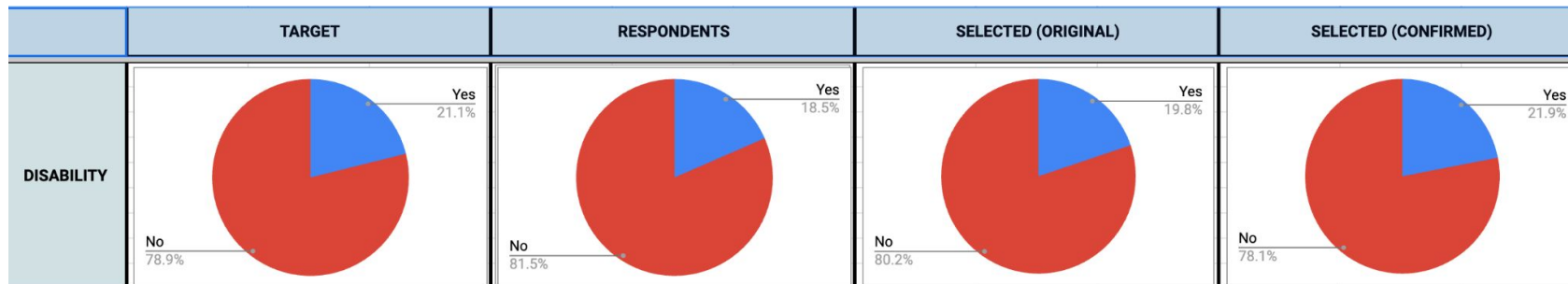


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Disability

- Very close alignment with South Yorkshire population for disabled and non-disabled participants.

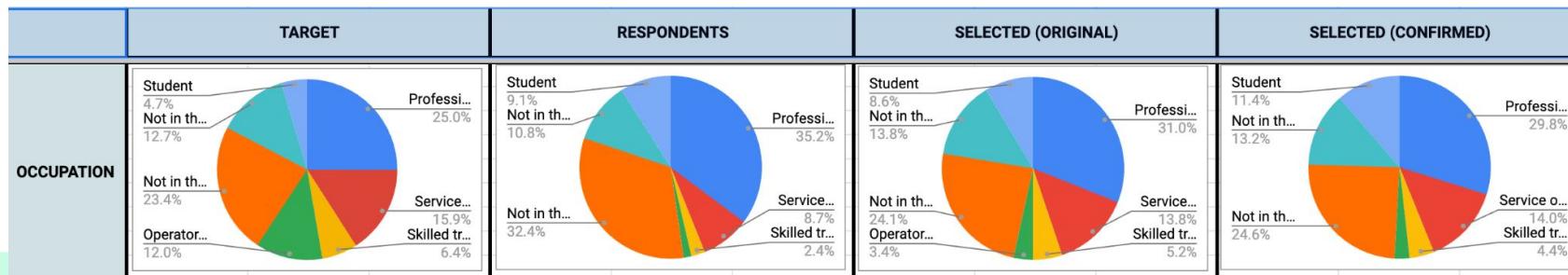


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Occupation Type

- Close alignment with South Yorkshire population for most occupation types.
- Underrepresentation of participants from operator or elementary occupations – mitigated by final selection decisions.
- Overrepresentation of professional occupations and technicians – mitigated by final selection decisions.

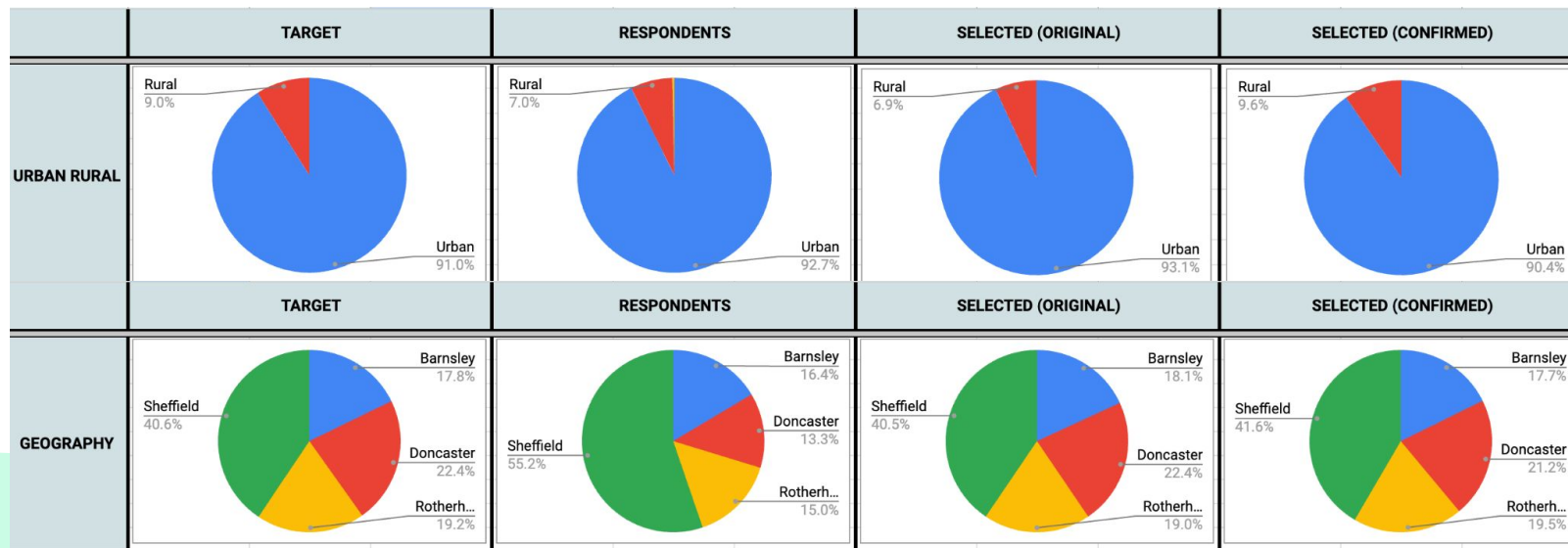


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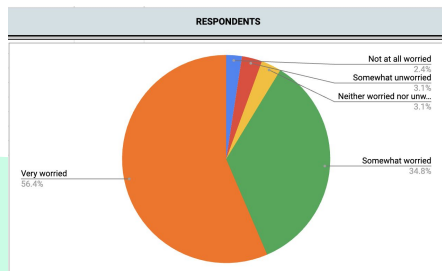
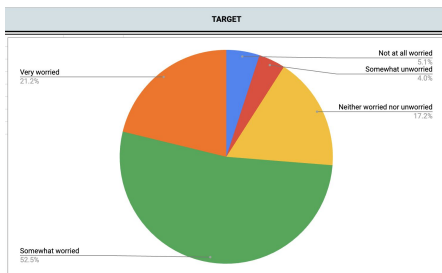
Geography

- Very close alignment with South Yorkshire population in urban and rural areas, and each local authority area.



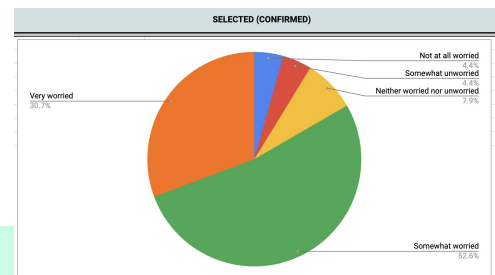
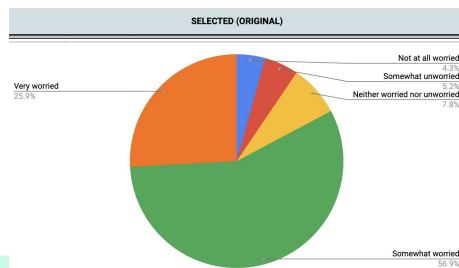
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Attitude to Climate Change

- Close alignment with South Yorkshire population for most attitudes.
- Underrepresentation of participants who are “neither worried, nor unworried” – mitigated by final selection decisions.
- Overrepresentation of participants who are “very worried” – mitigated by final selection decisions.



ONBOARDING & PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

REMOVING BARRIERS

We worked hard to ensure the Citizens' Assembly was accessible to all and took various measures to ensure every participant was individually supported. This onboarding and participant support service began weeks ahead of the first meeting and continued throughout the process.

- A dedicated participant support team contacted every Assembly member and made personalised plans to ensure they could attend and participate fully.
- All participants received £300 in compensation for their time.
- All participant travel costs were reimbursed and, where required, special arrangements for transport were made (e.g. pre booked taxis). Those with children or other dependents were supported with caring costs.
- All meeting venues were fully accessible, including lifts, ramps, hearing aids and other assistive technology to enable all participants to feel included.
- A dedicated Assembly website was created providing space for participants to access key information and watch expert speakers' presentations in their own time.
- Assembly members could access further support via a dedicated email address and phone number.

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

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3. Thematic Session: Mobility Work

Saturday 25th November, 10am–5pm
Holiday Inn Barnsley M1 (Dodworth)
Barnsley



2. Thematic Session: Health & Wellbeing Place

Saturday 11th November, 10am–5pm
Earl of Doncaster Hotel
Doncaster



4. Deliberation

Saturday 9th December, 10am–5pm
Sheffield Hallam University
Sheffield



1. Introduction

Saturday 28th October, 10am–5pm
AESSEAL New York Stadium,
Rotherham

5. Voting & Vision Statements

Saturday 9th December, 11am–2pm
Sheffield Hallam University,
Sheffield

IN THE ROOM

Alongside the Assembly members, each meeting featured the following people with specific roles:

2 Lead Facilitators – responsible for managing the overall learning journey for participants, including introducing contributors and activities, facilitating plenary discussion and running the voting process.

3 Support Team members – responsible for managing the logistics and relationship with the host venue, supporting Assembly members with access needs

13 Table Facilitators – recruited from the local community and trained in deliberative facilitation methods. Each facilitated deliberation and acted a guide throughout the meeting for small groups of about 8 participants.

Contributors – a variety of speakers shared their knowledge and expertise on the different themes, through presentations, panel discussions and question and answer sessions.

Observers – a small number of people from local authorities and partner organisations were permitted to attend each meeting, but were not allowed to participate in the discussions or influence the deliberations of Assembly members

WORKING TOGETHER

At the first Assembly meeting, participants co-developed the following ground rules to govern how they would work together:



Listen attentively & patiently
Keep phones on silent



Share your views honestly
Speak clearly
Avoid face coverings
Check understanding
Communicate your needs



Respect other people's experiences and opinions
Maintain confidentiality
It's OK to disagree



Create space for everyone to speak
Respect the facilitator and your table discussion rules



Respect the agenda
Start on time
Finish on time

MEETING 1: INTRODUCTION

Saturday 28th October, Rotherham

The first meeting served as an introduction to the Citizens' Assembly process and focussed on getting all participants to a common level of understanding to enable them to engage with the subject matter.

All activities and presentations were designed with the assumption that Assembly members may have no any prior knowledge.

Participants were given time to get to know each other and left with a clear understanding of the purpose, scope and process for the Citizens' Assembly.



MEETING 1: INTRODUCTION

Contributors



Oliver Coppard
Mayor of South Yorkshire
Welcome



Amie Lake-Knott
City of Doncaster Council
Who? What? Why? Where? When?



Prof Rachael Rothman
South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre
Quiz



Richard Sulley
SYMCA
What's the problem?



Kate Lonsdale
Climate Sense
Who is the 'we'?



Sam Perry
Yorkshire & Humber TUC
A Just Transition



Charlotte Killea
Sheffield Poverty Truth
Poverty and the challenges of climate change



Rachael Orr
Climate Outreach
How do we make change happen?

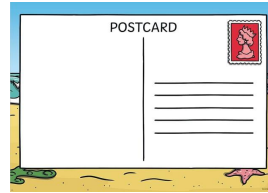
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Activities



Three Things That Shaped You

An activity to help participants get to know each other better



Postcard from the Future

An activity to help participants express their personal vision for what a thriving and sustainable South Yorkshire might look like



Table Discussions

Time after each presentation for participants to reflect and discuss in small groups



Speaker Q&A

An opportunity for participants to question and challenge contributors

MEETING 2: THEMATIC SESSION

Saturday 11th November, Doncaster

The second meeting was focussed on two key themes: **Health and Wellbeing** and **Place**. Topics explored included health and its wider determinants, food, housing, South Yorkshire's natural environment and farming.

The session was structured to help participants explore questions such as:

- What do we need to become a net zero region by 2040?
- How do those aims relate to the theme?
- What challenges or issues emerge when pursuing these aims?
- What are the different options for action or policy making?
- What are the costs, benefits and trade offs of different actions?

One contributor for each theme shared an overview of the challenges, before a series of lightning talks presented Assembly members with a variety of potential responses or solutions. Together the contributors offered a range of perspectives and expertise.

Assembly Members later completed idea cards to capture their individual responses and took part in a participatory activity to explore trade-offs.



MEETING 2: THEMATIC SESSION

Contributors - Health & Wellbeing



Greg Fell
Sheffield City Council
Climate change and public health



Prof Madelynne Arden
Sheffield Hallam University
Barriers to Change



Dr Nicky Rivers
Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust
Action for Health & Wellbeing



Rachael Treharne
ShefFood Partnership
Food networks and local food policy



Sam Wakeling
Living Streets
Street safety & accessibility



Steve Ellard
Yorkshire Housing
Housing in South Yorkshire

MEETING 2: THEMATIC SESSION

Contributors - Place



Dr Alison Holt
Natural Capital Mapping Solutions
Natural Environment



Roz Davies
The Green Estate
How we create a thriving sustainable future for everyone



Alex Fraser
Fraser Farms
A Story of Farming in Yorkshire



Dr Nicky Rivers
Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust
Building a thriving and sustainable future for South Yorkshire



Tom Chigbo
TPXimpact
How does South Yorkshire feel about climate change?

MEETING 2: THEMATIC SESSION

Activities

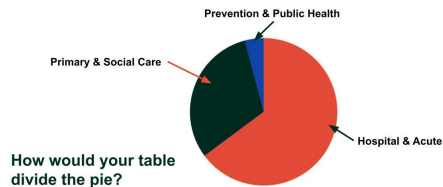
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I would support this if:	I would support this if:	I would support this if:

I don't think we should act in response to these challenges: ☐

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Trade Offs

An interactive game, based on a hypothetical scenario, to help participants get used to weighing up trade offs between different courses of action related to each theme



Table Discussions

Time after each presentation for participants to reflect and discuss in small groups



Speaker Q&A

An opportunity for participants to question and challenge contributors

MEETING 3: THEMATIC SESSION

Saturday 25th November, Barnsley

The third meeting was focussed on two key themes: **Mobility** and **Work**. Topics explored included public transport, active travel, electric vehicles, jobs, skills and economic growth in South Yorkshire.

The session was structured to help participants explore questions such as:

- What do we need to become a net zero region by 2040?
- How do those aims relate to the theme?
- What challenges or issues emerge when pursuing these aims?
- What are the different options for action or policy making?
- What are the costs, benefits and trade offs of different actions?

One contributor for each theme shared an overview of the challenges, before a series of lightning talks presented Assembly members with a variety of potential responses or solutions. Together the contributors offered a range of perspectives and expertise.

Assembly Members later completed idea cards to capture their individual responses and took part in a participatory activity to explore trade-offs.



MEETING 3: THEMATIC SESSION

Contributors - Mobility



Dr Giuliano Punzo
University of Sheffield
Mobility in South Yorkshire: Climate impact and bad examples



Ed Clancy OBE
Active Travel Commissioner
Active Travel



Nicola Kane Steer
The challenges and trade-offs for achieving a net zero transport system



Nick Brelsford
Sustrans
Sustainable Transport



Richard Mallender
Energy Saving Trust
Electric vehicles and charging



James Martin
Transport For All
Challenges and trade-offs



Mark Chadwick
Stadium Garage Ltd
Challenges and trade-offs

MEETING 3: THEMATIC SESSION

Contributors - Work



Prof Will Eadson
Sheffield Hallam University

Work and climate change in South Yorkshire **Youth Combined Authority**
Green Skills



Safaa Shreef
South Yorkshire

Green Skills



Simeon Perry
Efficiency North
Green Skills



Alexis Krachai
Sheffield Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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Green Growth



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Liberty Steel Engineering
Green Growth

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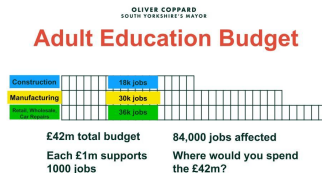
Idea card: Work I live in: Sheffield/Darlington/Barnsley/Rotherham

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MEETING 4: DELIBERATION

Saturday 9th December, Sheffield

The fourth meeting was a structured day of deliberation, where participants spent time reflecting on what they had learned so far, discussing with fellow Assembly members and making initial decisions.

After hearing a recap of each of the four themes, Assembly members formed small groups around the issues that they were most interested in. Together, they reviewed and synthesised all **192 individual ideas** which had been submitted during previous sessions.

Groups of individual ideas were examined, clustered and refined into more robust and specific ideas, which included an indication of red lines, preferences or conditions required for them to be supported by the Assembly.

At the end of the day, a shortlist of **34 ideas for action** were agreed by the Assembly. These ideas were shared with Assembly members online for consideration ahead of voting.



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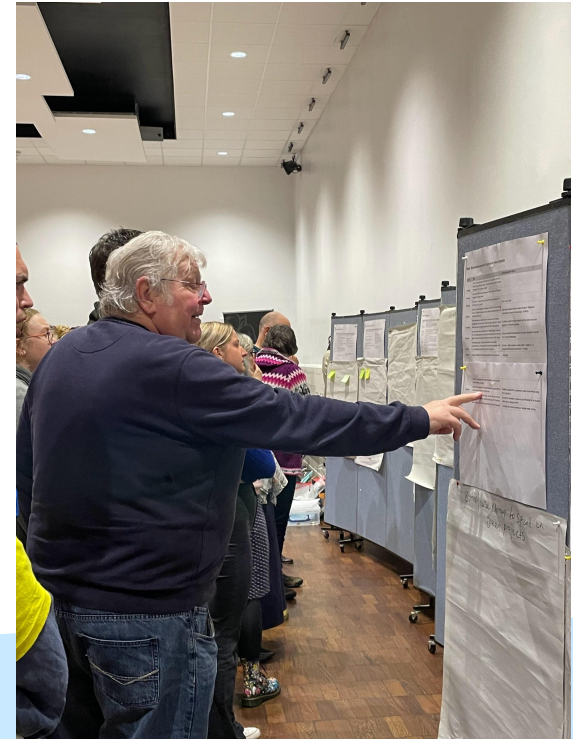
Contributors



Oliver Coppard
Mayor of South Yorkshire
The role and powers of the Mayor



Tom Hunt
Leader, Sheffield City Council
Welcome



MEETING 5: VOTING & VISION STATEMENTS

Sunday 10th December, Sheffield

The fifth meeting was when the Citizens' Assembly made its final decisions.

Assembly Member began the day examining the postcards from the future, which they had produced at the first meeting. This helped them reflect deeply on the guiding question and ensure their choices would build a thriving and sustainable region.

After reviewing the shortlist of ideas, participants used electronic voting pads to indicate which of the ideas they wished to prioritise for action. Each Assembly member was able to vote individually, with the scores and ranking for each idea calculated automatically. 14 priorities for action were selected by the Assembly.

To end the session, Assembly Members collaboratively drafted vision statements to express the Assembly's vision for a thriving and sustainable future and frame the choices that had been made about priorities for action.



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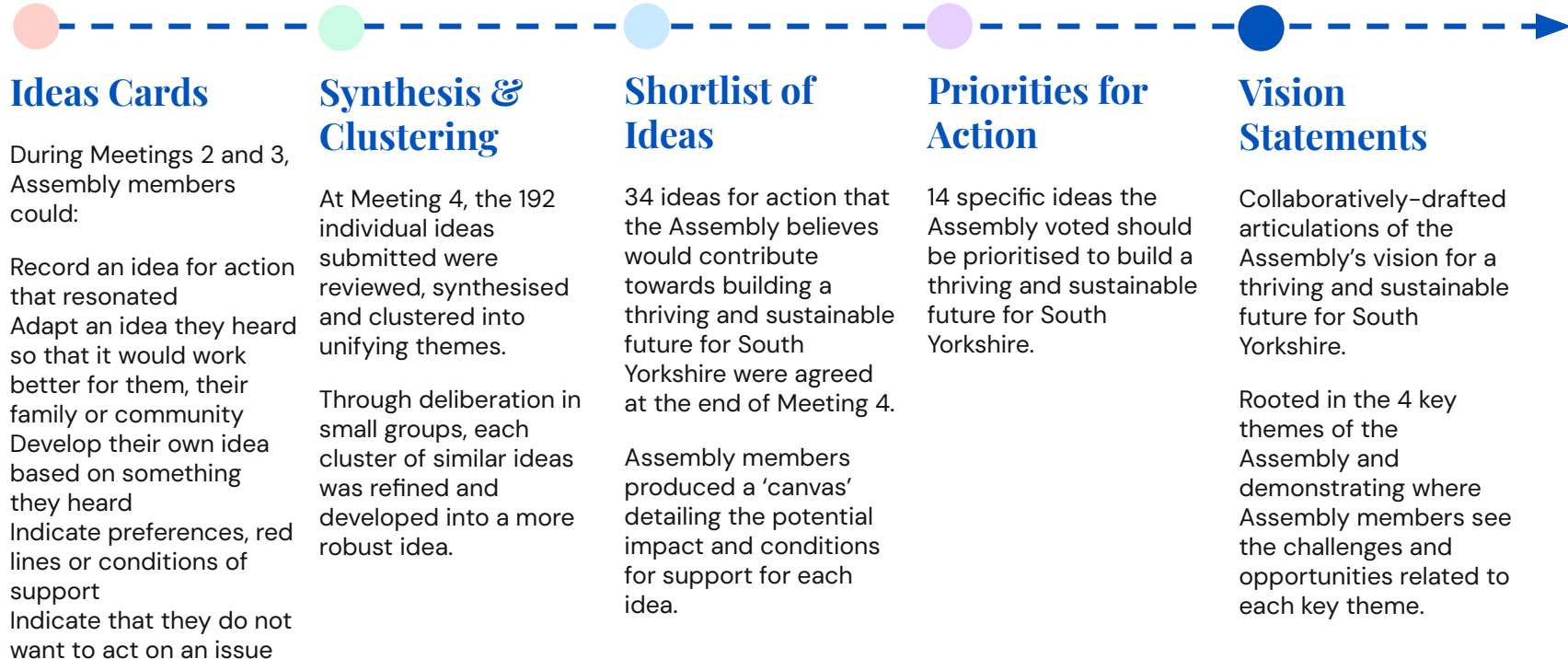
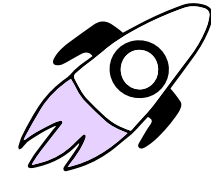
Sunday 10th December, Sheffield

OLIVER COPPARD
SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S MAYOR

A thriving and sustainable future for South Yorkshire means...	
The way our climate is changing poses the following challenges for health and wellbeing:	
The way our climate is changing also presents opportunities for health and wellbeing, which include:	



JOURNEY TO FINAL OUTPUTS



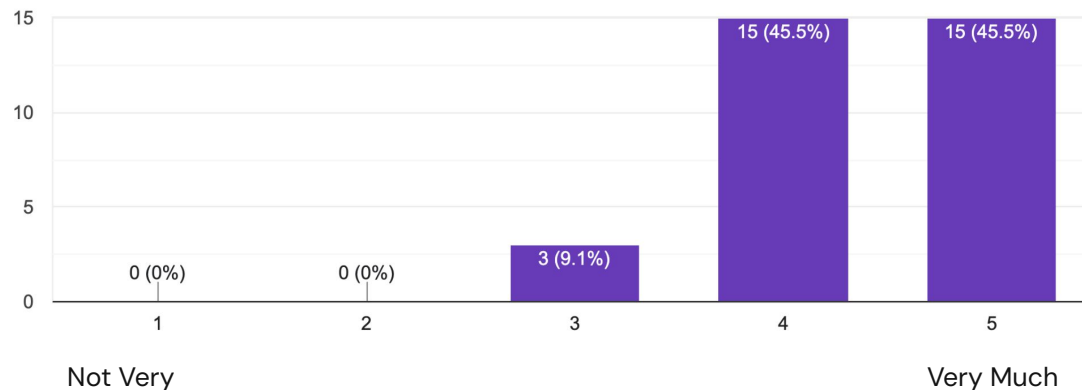
LEARNING & FEEDBACK

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How satisfied were you with the process overall?

33 responses

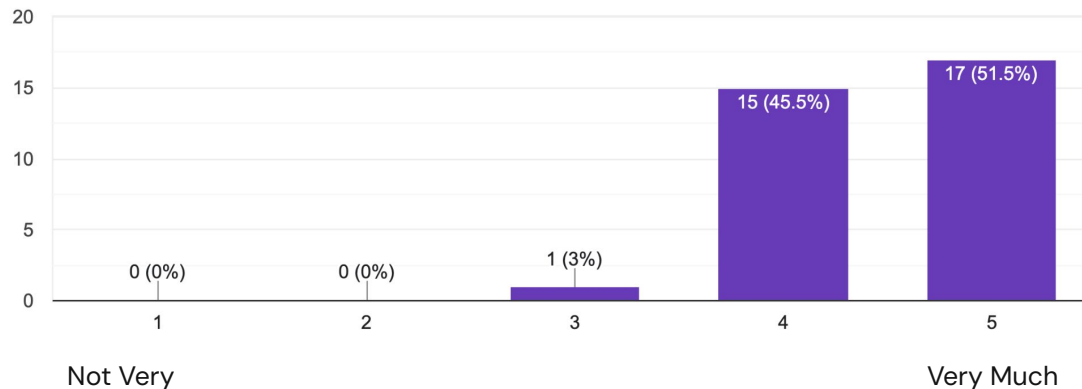


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The post-Assembly evaluation forms submitted by participants indicated a high level of satisfaction with the Citizens' Assembly event logistics.

How satisfied were you with the logistics across the five sessions?

33 responses

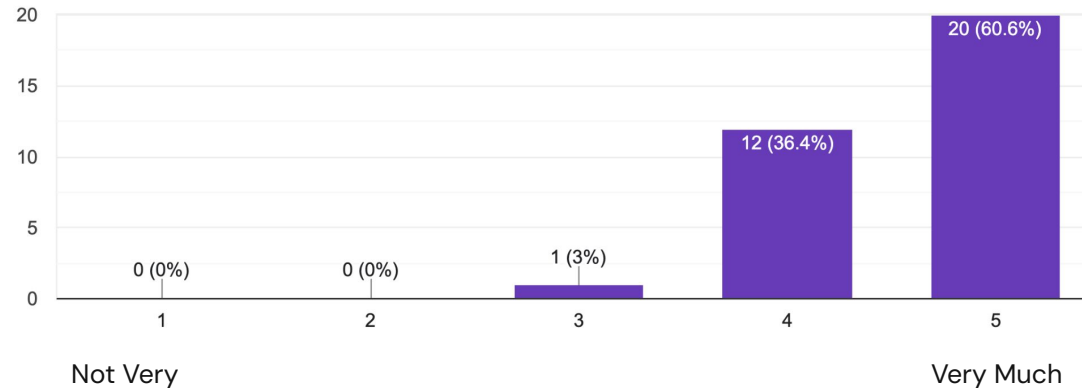


PARTICIPANT SURVEY

The post-Assembly evaluation forms submitted by participants indicated a high level of satisfaction with the onboarding and participant support

How satisfied were you with the participant support offered throughout the Assembly?

33 responses



OTHER LEARNING

The project team continues to receive feedback from participants and will gather at different points over the coming weeks to reflect on lessons learned.

Some key points of learning emerging to date, that South Yorkshire Combined Authority may wish to consider when organising future deliberative processes are as follows:

Recruitment

The response rate for the invitation packs was 0.97%, which is significantly lower than the usual rate for similarly sized processes using the same democratic lottery selection. For example, recruitment for another deliberative process in South Yorkshire within the same year had a 2.3% response rate. This is likely to be the result of changes to the default recruitment materials made at the request of the Combined Authority:

- not writing the compensation amount on the envelope and front page of the letter
- Including a letter from the Mayor, in addition to the key details and frequently asked questions leaflet.

We would recommend reversing those choices next time to maximise responses and minimise the risk of having problems recruiting a representative group. This is particularly important for participants of low incomes and those who may be more politically disengaged, or less trusting of state agencies.

Use of Panel Discussions and Expert Speakers

Some participants felt that subjects that were discussed using the panel format allowed less space for scientific scrutiny or expert challenge to claims made by the contributor. It will be worthwhile to consider how additional space can be provided to fact check any claims made or ensure that subjects have a more even distribution of time allocated to presentation, panel discussions and table discussions.

VISION STATEMENTS

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To build a thriving and sustainable future, South Yorkshire needs a vision for health and wellbeing, place, mobility and work:

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Our vision for a thriving and sustainable future is: increased physical and mental wellbeing, increased life expectancy, improved access to education, building a healthier, safer, affordable and more sustainable way of living for all South Yorkshire citizens. This can only be achieved through radical, urgent and visionary action for change.

We recognise the **challenge** of a population with a high burden of chronic disease where we are seeing a marked increase in physical and mental health illnesses. In addition, consumerism has led to a higher rate of isolation, which could lead to an increase in conflict over resources and increased injustices.

However, we also see the **opportunity** to develop a holistic approach to universal community health and wellbeing encompassing education, products, services and shared resources.

PLACE

Our vision for a thriving and sustainable future is: a net zero region with energy efficient homes and no reliance on fossil fuels. South Yorkshire will be a resilient, safe, thriving, sustainable, connected community with an abundance of wildlife, green space, employment and leisure opportunities.

We recognise the **challenge** of the degradation of the environment through droughts, floods, wildfires, destruction of natural habitats and ecosystems, and the loss of biodiversity. We know this has a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable.

However, we also see the **opportunity** of an increased awareness of the differential impact of climate change on communities and the chance to come together to respond fairly. Enhancing biodiversity will reconnect us with the environment and support our physical and mental health.

MOBILITY

Our vision for a thriving and sustainable future is: viable travel choices for people around the entire region that are safe, green, reliable, integrated, affordable and accessible for all.

We recognise the **challenge** of developing more sustainable forms of transportation that encompass safety, sustainability, affordability, reliability and accessibility.

However, we also see the **opportunity** to redesign our streets, upgrade our public transport system and promote health, wellbeing and social inclusion through active travel and better public transport.

WORK

Our vision for a thriving and sustainable future is: an economy which embraces the many opportunities of a greener future, including good training, new jobs and flourishing green businesses in all sectors, ensuring a just and well managed transition for all into sustainable employment.

We recognise the **challenge** of reinventing an identity for South Yorkshire through understanding green industries, incorporating current skills and characteristics of our workforce and attracting new businesses.

However, we also see the **opportunity** to recover from the iniquities of the past by building a forward-looking, well rewarded intergenerational workforce for a sustainable green economy focused on suitable growth sectors.

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TPXimpact

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To challenge the Mayor to deliver 1.4 tree plantation and even exceed his target

Develop a comprehensive green action plan for businesses of all sizes that would focus reward for green initiatives, support green skills and employees and promoting greener practice (e.g. recycling, plastic waste management etc)

Training courses and apprenticeships (long and short term) in South Yorkshire should meet the needs of South Yorkshire, providing skilling, re-skilling and cross-skilling for those getting into work, those already in work and most affected by the emergence of green jobs

Integrated travel infrastructure for e-bikes, scooters & pedestrians with mini-hubs throughout urban areas for pick up & drop off of these transport systems

Fund a South Yorkshire food education programme (for schools and adult education) to help us all understand where our food comes from, nutrition, choice and its impact on environment

Set up community hub for growing, distributing and sharing food that is sustainable and accessible for everyone

Create a solar scheme for all without means testing with commercial solar fields and/or roof creating community electricity through power banks

Reopen the airport for future economic viability & sustainability and make it a leader in green aviation

Fund & enforce a gold standard of quality for new building developments

Bring the South Yorkshire transport network into full public control to improve reliability, affordability and accessibility

Establish community hubs that provide repair, recycling and loaning facilities

Upgrade local neighbourhoods to include retail, health, education and entertainment facilities and employment opportunities

Change school curriculum to be designed with more practical involvement in green living skills

IDEAS CANVASES

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Retrofit and plan public spaces to prioritise pedestrian usage and accessibility for all

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Less pollution
- People would feel safer
- Reduces dangerous + thoughtless parking

We would support this if...

1. We had more park and walk/side schemes
2. Needs more reliable + affordable public transport to provide alternatives
3. Needs better pedestrian infrastructure (crossings, etc.)

Develop a comprehensive green action plan for businesses of all sizes that would focus reward for green initiatives, support green skills and employees and promoting greener practice (recycling, plastic waste management etc)

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- It would improve work-life balance hence improving quality of life
- It would reduce waste and energy use
- It would support the sharing of good practices
- It would transform the way we work by increasing green skills

We would support this if...

1. If companies are encouraged and supported to go green
2. If there is improved communications (like use of an app) to allow people to engage easier with green habits
3. If we re-evaluate practices to see if it is cost effective, if it works and if it can be done better

Integrated travel infrastructure for e-bikes, scooters & pedestrians with mini-hubs throughout urban areas for pick up & drop off of these transport systems

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Health benefits for users
- Reduce carbon emissions within towns & cities
- Increasing equality and accessibility for all members of public for transport

We would support this if...

1. Multiple & sufficient coverage of hubs for e-bikes in urban areas
2. Improving cycle infrastructure, pedestrianisation & closing side streets to vehicles
3. Affordable use

Set up community hub for growing, distributing and sharing food that is sustainable and accessible for everyone

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Reduce food insecurity because it is locally sustainable
- It would make food inclusive and affordable to all
- Not reliant on government or global activity & events
- Educational and would create communal and social environment

We would support this if...

1. If it is organic, healthy and good quality food
2. Affordable and available to everyone
3. Funder by collaboration but independent from government or private corporations

Reopen the airport for future economic viability & sustainability and make it a leader in green aviation

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Reduce transport to other cities & airports
- Airport can encourage and engage in green initiatives around site (like planting trees)
- Acting as a hub for further economic growth

We would support this if...

1. Clear long term plan to open the airport to international travel with no cap on future growth
2. Clear commitment to aviation training/engineering
3. Better rail links to airport

Bring the South Yorkshire transport network into full public control to improve reliability, affordability and accessibility

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Shift focus from shareholder profit to customer service/satisfaction
- Cleaner air with less emissions from private transport
- Encourage older community to set out of the house more and reduce social isolation
- Safety aspect of travelling alone
- Better access to work

We would support this if...

1. If, and only if the profits went into developing full public ownership of transport networks
2. If Oliver created political pressure to change the law, and legislation to allow public ownership
3. If bus travel was heavily encouraged with subsidies
4. Public transport was expanded and planned better
5. The ticket system was unified

Upgrade local neighbourhoods to include retail, health, education and entertainment facilities + employment opportunities

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Reduces non-essential travel thereby reducing emissions
- Improve community cohesion
- Bringing money back to local community instead of big corporations

We would support this if...

1. Make local shops affordable & reduce business rates
2. Strong leadership from local authorities about community facilities to incorporate in planning
3. Encourage a culture shift about working from home; where people have the choice to work from home or not

To challenge the Mayor to deliver 1.4 tree plantation and even exceed his target

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Cleaner air to breathe
- Help connect with nature
- Provide shade
- Create a pleasant environment to be in/live
- Enhance ownership of action among citizens

We would support this if...

1. It includes fruit producing trees
2. Replaced already chopped down street trees
3. It involve children to plant trees at school and outside in memory of their loved ones

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How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- No one is left behind
- More economic opportunities
- Making South Yorkshire attractive by providing a skilled workforce for manufacturing
- Assurance for consumers/ house owners

We would support this if...

1. Well promoted (website, job centres)
2. Easy access, funding, equity and impact and flexibility (length, training, model)
3. Rewards for organisations taking on the scheme and accreditation schemes

Fund a South Yorkshire food education programme (for schools and adult education) to help us all understand where our food comes from, nutrition, choice and its impact on environment

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Help children and families understand and be better aware of food and farming, processing, delivery; their diet options budgeting
- Help counter dubious influences from corporate advertising/food industry
- Encourage and teach healthy, affordable cooking skills/shopping skills/reduce waste

We would support this if...

1. Reduced the stigma of individual choice about meal plan options
2. Involved local food producers and businesses as contributors & speakers
3. Involved school dinners which are themselves nutritious & sustainable sourced healthy and available to all kids

Create solar scheme for all without means testing with commercial solar fields and/or roof creating community electricity through power banks

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- This would provide universal sustainable energy for communities whilst also giving equal energy costs for all incomes
- As well as reducing costs, this would reduce CO₂ impact

We would support this if...

1. If it was sustainably sourced/produced
2. If it was affordable to all residents of South Yorkshire
3. Brown rather than green field sites favoured

Fund & enforce a 'gold standard; of quality for new building developments

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Including pedestrian & public transport as part of the integral design process
- Green spaces & including sustainable tech & materials
- Raising quality of life & reduced living costs

We would support this if...

1. Increase staff in the planning department & quality assurance
2. Make sure there is truly affordable & social housing
3. House builders to contribute to a community pot for the new development

Establish community hubs that provide repair, recycling and loaning facilities

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- It will generate jobs in the local communities
- Saves money
- It will reduce waste – ‘make do and mend’
- Strengthens communities, reduces isolation and improves mental health
- People in the local communities get to learn new skills

We would support this if...

1. Provide premises/venues or the funding needed for it and advertise the services available
2. Advocating/spreading awareness of repairable products
3. Collaboration with institutions/universities/colleges for setting up schemes with training, work experience and practical implementation

Change school curriculum to be designed with more practical involvement in green living skills

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Engaging older generations and others (younger) to share experience and skills, e.g. speakers in schools
- Rolling program each year in school to address the green living issues that children can positively influence (not fear based)

We would support this if...

1. It is continuous throughout the academic journey
2. If the adults (e.g. parents) can be reignited
3. If the academic learning showed evidence that it was leading to careers/jobs

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Improve access to, quality of and utility of green and blue space	Funding to incorporate green social prescribers within South Yorkshire
Ensure we create a supportive accessible environment for all through commitment to give disabled people a seat at every table	Improve policy, law & structure that would increase access to community garden allotment ownership
Expand the existing regional transport to deliver connected, affordable and reliable publicly owned service	For SYMCA to aspire to a reduced working week without loss of income through trials of a 4 day work week and/or UBI
Agree and identify a range of different measurements that set what an economy is for other than financial growth	Revise the regional economic strategy to reflect the commercial opportunities created by the transition to a lower carbon economy
Ensure that ownership & use of EVs is induced appropriately making them affordable, accessible and sustainable for the benefit of South Yorkshire	Facilitate the formation of local community groups in partnership with local organisations, businesses and authorities
SYMCA to develop a model regenerative agriculture forum centre in South Yorkshire for educational & training purposes. A urban & rural growing initiative.	Implement council-led car pooling scheme in local communities – investigate and make it a reality – not for profit service providing a small number of shared electric cars
Create, develop & optimise green spaces to mitigate effects of climate change & wellbeing, incl school playing fields, pitches, golf clubs out of hours to create more access & options to green spaces & biodiverse drainage system	Creating a network of nature-based solution case studies across South Yorkshire to reconnect humans with nature and mitigate the local impacts of climate change
Support set up of neighbourhood scale food co-ops (10-30 households to start with)	Efficiency assessment for all properties by independent assessors
Restricting the use of the most polluting cars the most by measuring the size and weight of each vehicle and charging accordingly	Direct every pound borrowed to Mayor to support transition to a greener economy
Design, manufacture and supply e-bikes and e-trikes fit for South Yorkshire in South Yorkshire – hills, distances, safety	An educational hub/club on how to make the most of your own garden

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For SYMCA to aspire to a reduced working week without loss of income through trials of a 4 day work week and/or UBI

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Will improve work/life balance for mental health and family
- Co-benefits: reduce traffic
- Could reduce personal consumption whilst avoiding a recession

We would support this if...

1. No loss of income
2. Flexibility between 4 + 5 day
3. Personal freedoms are protected

Revise the regional economic strategy to reflect the commercial opportunities created by the transition to a lower carbon economy

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Create local economy and jobs for South Yorkshire
- The production of the correct products to tackle climate change – right products, place and time
- Maintain and expand employment levels
- These sectors would include agriculture, waste processing, car transport
- Subsidise access to AM tech for small scale startups e.g. 3D printing hub

We would support this if...

1. Upskill people or retrain people who are losing their employment
2. Synergies with universities to support growth of eco-industry
3. There was a subsidy for green development via lobbying, campaigning, national government

Direct every pound borrowed to Mayor to support transition to a greener economy

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- New jobs in construction
- New growth for the economy
- Opportunity to retrain those made redundant

We would support this if...

1. There is a business case that demonstrates a return on investment
2. Mayor can be accountable for borrowing
3. It is open to individual investors (e.g. via formation of green banks or bonds)

Agree and identify a range of different measurements that set what an economy is for other than financial growth

How this will address the challenge and improve work for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Encourage different mindsets
- Improve wellbeing (eg reduction in child in child poverty, cleaner rivers, mental and physical health, low emissions)
- Jobs – productivity

We would support this if...

1. Mayoral precept used to fund this by taxing bad ecological practice and businesses
2. Leading the way nationally across other authorities
3. Embracing and improving existing legislation to curb wrongdoing of large corporations e.g. water

Implement council-led car pooling scheme in local communities - investigate and make it a reality - not for profit service providing a small number of shared electric cars

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Reduce all those emissions involved in manufacture
- Reduced private car ownership (fewer cars & parking) – give you a choice not to own a car/second car
- Reduced inequality between car owners and non-car owners who can drive
- People are financially better off
- Increased active travel transport network

connection for remote parts not covered/reach by public transport

We would support this if...

1. Individual neighbourly car sharing is also supported/facilitated alongside car pooling e.g. digital apps & tools/multi occupancy incentives for bus fares & parking
2. Enhanced with self driving car offered at a later date
3. Significant investment made to improve public transport as core to future

To design, manufacture and supply e-bikes and e-trikes fit for South Yorkshire in South Yorkshire - hills, distances, safety

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- It will create and maintain the full supply chain and for e-bikes/trikes including use of advanced manufacturing skills & facilities, parts, training, supply, maintenance, storage etc. etc.
- Make e-bikes and e-trikes affordable
- It makes e-cycling more accessible for all
- Reduced the number of cars and vans on the road
- Provides low carbon active travel options for both short and longer journeys and home delivery of goods

We would support this if...

1. The MCA fully supports + invest in this action as part of the regions manufacturing and economic strategy
2. Suitable network of cycle lanes across the whole region, both rural and urban areas
3. Suitable measures to better integrate all forms of cycle transport and public transport
4. The e-bikes + e-trikes make in South Yorkshire are affordable and available for all who need or want them

Expand the existing regional transport to deliver connected, affordable and reliable publicly owned service

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Reliable transport
- Improve commercial activities
- Improve health + wellbeing for drivers + the public

We would support this if...

1. Adequate parking spaces for par + ride services with appropriate waiting shelters
2. Multi model integrated physical structures and timings e.g. services link up physically + timings
3. Investment into quality of systems, people, resources, processes and policies e.g. different size busses

Restricting the use of the most polluting cars the most by measuring the size + weight of each vehicle and charging accordingly

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Makes streets safer for children and people
- More space on roads (allows for cycling)
- Less pollution and reduce congestion
- Healthier people :)

We would support this if...

1. Ensuring alternative modes of transport are available
2. The physical infrastructure reflects the need to limit car use (e.g. home zones, tree lined streets)
3. Better enforcement and expansion of existing rules

Ensure we create a supportive accessible environment for all through commitment to give disabled people a seat at every table

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Lead to safe, convenient, affordable choices

We would support this if...

1. Survey/robust consultation with disability groups/individuals
2. Full accessibility in all areas of transport design/planning
3. Commonsense/non-expensive things are implemented quickly e.g. tactile pavement at Doncaster Station , seating on walk/routes cycle

Ensure that ownership & use of EVs is induced appropriately making them affordable, accessible and sustainable for the benefit of South Yorkshire

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- It would lead to a greener South Yorkshire
- It would lead to the creation of more jobs in South Yorkshire
- Ensure that people only buy EVs if they need one
- It would lead to cleaner air and reduce air pollution

We would support this if...

1. If these EVs are able to run for longer distance and have better charging structure
2. If there are access to factual advertising and information about EVs and its use
3. The process behind building EVs and its components are eco-friendly and ethical/sustainable

SYMCA to develop a model regenerative agriculture forum centre in South Yorkshire for educational & training purposes. A urban & rural growing initiative

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Improvement of health through more nutritious food
- Rebuilds soils and allows soils to capture carbon
- Challenge the dominance of the agribusiness sector over by supporting more independent farmers

We would support this if...

1. If this was not Sheffield centric so for there to be hubs around South Yorkshire
2. If increased the affordability and availability of organic produce
3. It enabled a network of small scale farmers

Improve access to, quality of and utility of green and blue space

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Improve biodiversity to create habitat for birds, wildlife & pollination
- Addressing prohibitive issue of accessing open spaces
- Making communities proud of where they live & reduce fly tipping

We would support this if...

1. Communities, companies, local authorities and charities are given resources and support to achieve this aim
2. Promote greater access to waste management to reduce fly tipping and abuse of green and blue spaces
3. Prioritise these spaces in urban areas, ensure no one is more than 5 minutes from a green or blue space

Improve policy, law & structures that would increase access to community garden allotment ownership

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- It would bring communities together, build social interaction and educate children to develop these habits
- It helps improve health & wellbeing
- It reduces food waste and helps to make food cheaper
- It supports the local ecosystem

We would support this if...

1. The produce of the gardens allotment are made available to the community
2. If it is introduced to school environment, curriculum and activities
3. There is incentive to encourage people to grow gardens in private spaces

Efficiency assessment for all properties by independent assessors

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- This will ensure transparency, reassurance to homeowners + renters, and go beyond EPC ratings, providing a range of options dependent on income

We would support this if...

1. Ensure independence from retrofitters
2. Local people are trained in retrofitting
3. Affordable options for those most affected (grants + incentives)

An educational hub/club on how to make the most of your own garden

How this will address the challenge and improve mobility for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Improves mental health
- Less flooding
- Re-greening which is good for climate change
- Educate people on GYO grow your own – useful fun
- Community engagement – sharing hints & tips

We would support this if...

1. Support given to establish community website – weekly advice by space/time/family size
2. Get businesses to get to advertise it and take part of the hub – garden centres etc.
3. Get Council & authority support & encouragement

Facilitate the formation of local community groups in partnership with local organisations, businesses and authorities

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- By bringing local people and organisations together towards common goals for the benefit of all in that community.

We would support this if...

1. There was a high visibility of available groups and opportunities for new group formation
2. Prioritised longevity via organisational input (especially finance)
3. Ensure a fully representative involvement in community group decisions

Support set up of neighbourhood scale food co-ops (10-30 households to start with)

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Shorter supply chains
- Reduced food waste, carbon footprint
- Fair trade, organic, support local a values based food system
- Create local jobs, retain money
- More nutritious food available
- More accessible to households in rural areas
- Create a fair, healthy and just food system for all

We would support this if...

1. Focus on local food, encouraging local good diversification to supply local populace
2. The food co-op is easy to access e.g. via a website or app, home delivery, collect points
3. There is a regional strategy to support start up, education and working collaboratively, data sharing, finance

Create, develop & optimise green spaces to mitigate effects of climate change & wellbeing, incl school playing fields, pitches, golf clubs out of hours to create more access & options to green spaces & biodiverse drainage system

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Easy access to green spaces (on doorstep)
- Improvement of local biodiversity
- Enhanced sense of community
- Sustainable urban drainage

We would support this if...

1. Safeguarding for schools & kids re access to school grounds
2. Stakeholder engagement to get their buy-in
3. Get rid of green deserts
 - a. Plant up to increase diversity
 - b. Trees, flowers etc.
 - c. Biodiversity
 - d. Reduces urban heat island
 - e. Mitigates flooding
 - f. Nicer place to be

Funding to incorporate green social prescribers within South Yorkshire

How this will address the challenge and improve health & wellbeing for the people of South Yorkshire:

- Increase the development of green spaces
- Beneficial for both the authority and the users

We would support this if...

1. Collaboration with existing practitioners and charities within the area
2. Engagement with employers to encourage social prescribing
3. There was increased awareness on social prescribing



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