

## Introduction

As a city, Leeds has committed to delivering significant reductions in our carbon footprint in the next 10 years. We want to assess how ready we are as a city to deliver on this commitment. This will help us to identify those areas where we are most ready to take/accelerate action now, and those areas where we need strategic interventions that build our readiness to act. This will inform the steps that the Leeds Climate Commission can take to help address them.

The assessment covers 85% of Leeds Green House Gas emissions from Housing (27%), Transport (38%), Public Sector (3%) and Commercial Buildings (17%). The method consisted of participatory workshops with key stakeholders (over 65 experts) for each sector.

## The Readiness Categories assessed for each Sector:

	<b>Technical Readiness</b>	Are the technologies/behaviors needed to reduce energy use/carbon emissions available and ready to deploy now?
	<b>Policy Readiness</b>	Have we got the policies/plans needed to support delivery in place now, whether locally, regionally and nationally? This question seeks scores for policy readiness at the local (Leeds) and national (UK) scales.
	<b>Financial Readiness</b>	Are the funds available, are there investable options with business models ready to be deployed?
	<b>Community Readiness</b>	Do we have support and buy-in from the public and/or from the business community, or from some sectors of the public/business?
	<b>Delivery Readiness</b>	Do we have the skills, the supply chains and the organisations ready to deliver?

## Workshop 1

	Technical	Policy	Community	Finance	Delivery
HIGH	X				
MEDIUM	X				
LOW	X				

**LEVEL OF AMBITION**

**HIGH:** Readiness to reduce energy use/carbon emissions by c90% between now and 2030.

**MEDIUM:** Readiness to reduce energy use/carbon emissions by c60% between now and 2030.

**LOW:** Readiness to reduce energy use/carbon emissions by c40% between now and 2030.

**READINESS LEVELS**

Completely Ready → 5 points

Largely Ready → 4 points

Partially Ready → 3 points

Largely Unready → 2 points

Completely Unready → 1 points

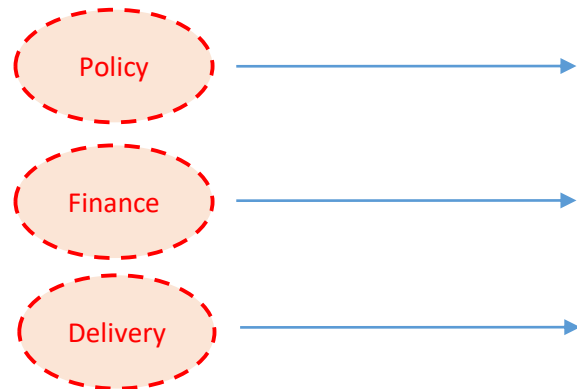
## Workshop 2:

### Action Planning for least ready areas

What strategic action can Leeds Climate Commission do to improve readiness scores? (level of ambition, targets, timeline)	Stakeholders (Individuals / Organisations)
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## Main findings:

The main cross-cutting blockers that appeared in most sub-sectors were:



Initial actions and Leeds Climate Commissions next steps:

Call for more ambition in local national policy

Strengthen business case for investment for all levels of ambition

Strengthen delivery capabilities, especially for high ambition levels.

## Results Summary

The readiness scores for the Sectors in Leeds (85% of total GHG emissions) and the most and least ready sub-sectors. The scoring system can be seen in the table below with an example of a completely ready and completely unready scores.

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### Completely Ready

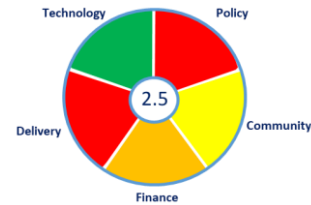


### Completely Unready

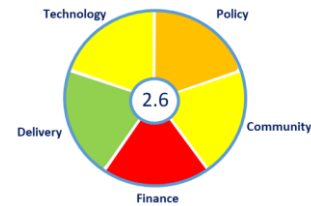


## Sector Readiness Scores

### Housing



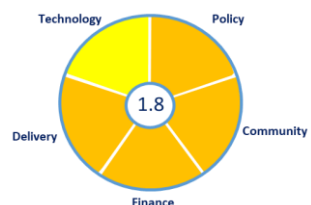
### Commercial Buildings



### Public Sector



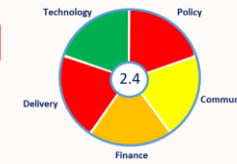
### Transport



## Leeds Sub-sectors Readiness Scores

### Least ready areas

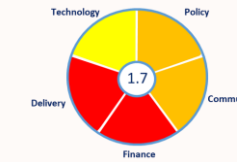
Owner occupied housing



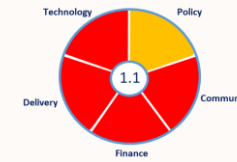
Private rented housing



Mass Transit scheme



Removal of cars/uptake of electric vehicles



Removal of Lorries/uptake of electric vehicles



### Most ready areas

Demand Reduction for transport



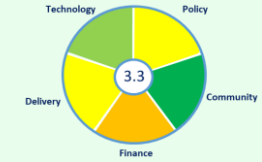
Council Housing



Leisure and Retail Buildings



Council Offices



(Full results and justifications can be found [here](#))

## Outcomes from the readiness assessment and what this means for Leeds....

(TO INSERT – some text on what the results mean etc...) Highest ambition – nothing more than an average of 3.4. Action needs to be done...Identification of stakeholders...

### Restructure of Leeds Climate Commission:

- Housing Group
- Transport Group
- Partnership development for Commercial and Public Buildings
- Finance and Investment Group
- Renewable energy ?

### Examples of specific outcome of the assessment:

- Series of Policy Briefs
- Housing retrofit project
- Investment Prospectus
- Develop a Carbon Literacy programme for Leadership in decarbonisation
- Communicate City-wide Campaign to communicate benefits focused on whole community regeneration
- How to demonstrate/communicate non-economic benefits/green credentials of investments
- Simplification of advice and options for organisations by creating a 'how to guide' for options to reduce carbon (initially focused on housing)