

Climate Change: your views

The results from Survey 15 show that the vast majority of people are concerned about climate change and believe that the actions of individuals can help reduce its effects.

In addition, most people feel well-informed about what they can do to reduce their impact on the environment.

It is also clear that most people take some action to reduce their impact on the environment and the most popular methods are:

- Minimising & recycling household waste: 96.9%
- Using the car less: 50%
- Being energy efficient at home: 86.2%
- Using low-energy bulbs & appliances: 86.1%
- Cavity wall insulation: 56.1%
- Loft insulation: 80.3%
- Double-glazing: 88.6%
- Composting: 45.5%
- Buying locally-sourced products: 60.5%

More than half of panel members (53.6%) felt they could do more to protect the environment whilst just less than a quarter (24%) said they couldn't. A fifth (21.4%) were uncertain.

For further information on how to lead a greener lifestyle, visit westlancs.gov.uk/environment

Regarding the actions that people thought the Council should take, the top areas were:

- Working with businesses: 42.5%
- Working with schools: 41%
- Reducing CO₂ emissions from its own operations: 37.9%
- Discouraging use of private cars and promoting public transport: 29.5%
- Promoting energy efficiency in the home and workplace 44.2%
- Encouraging renewable energy sources: 42.5%
- Requiring developers to produce more sustainable homes 43.9%

The Council is studying the survey results closely to help guide its work over the coming years.

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Call us on 01695 577177. Trained customer advisers will deal with your call.

Come in to the Customer Service Points at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, or the Concourse, Skelmersdale.

Visit the website for full results

Survey 15, carried out in February and March 2009, included questions on a variety of issues as well as Climate Change.

There were also questions on Leisure; Countryside; the Council's priorities; fly-tipping; and consulting, informing and involving.

To see the full results, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/panel.



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The People's Panel newsletter

Autumn 2009

Welcome to the Autumn Survey

Important questions about the Council's budget are included in the Autumn 2009 survey. We are asking for your views about council tax and the main areas of spending.

The results will be studied by councillors and managers as they draw up proposals for the budget for 2010/11. Decisions on this will be made in February 2010 when the new council tax will be set.

Questions about Community Safety are also included in this survey. We have asked similar questions in previous surveys, and this helps us keep track of the feelings of residents about this important issue. The information you give us is studied by the council and by the Police and helps us assess how successful our work has been and what future priorities should be.

We are also asking you to tell us whether you use computers, the internet and email. As you know, people are increasingly using the internet when they want to go shopping or find information. It is important that the council keeps track of trends and uses technology to help give residents value for money. The information you give us will help us assess how we can best use our website www.westlancs.gov.uk to provide services for local people.

Thanks for being part of the panel

This is the final survey for the People's Panel West Lancashire and the Council would like to extend a big "thank you" to all Panel members for your support over the last two years.

The People's Panel was originally set up in 2001 as a way of enabling the Council to gather local people's views about important issues on a regular basis. Every two or three years, the panel has been 'refreshed'. This means that panel members retire to ensure that no-one stays on the panel for too long. As it is now time for the current panel to retire, the Council would like to thank you again for your support and for helping to make the Panel a success. Your views have been used to inform decisions about service development and spending, and we are grateful for the time and effort you have given to it.

If you need to get in touch

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