

Best City Ambition Consultation



Summary of responses

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Background

Consultation and engagement to support development of the Best City Ambition has been delivered through a mixture of face to face and online discussions, workshops and surveys. In December 2021 Executive Board received a summary of the engagement which informed the draft Ambition. This included discussions at all ten of Leeds's community committees, in addition to engagement with equality hubs, community forums, city partners, the third sector, local community organisations and small groups of citizens directly. Many of the conversations with those who engaged in these sessions have continued on an informal basis as work to develop the Best City Ambition continues to progress.

Following the engagement noted above, an online survey took place to gather more opinions from the wider public. The online survey was launched on 16 December 2021 and was open until 13 January 2022. People were encouraged to participate on social media, via staff communications and it was sent to all members of the Leeds Citizens Panel.

The survey was split in to five sections allowing respondents to provide feedback on the overall principles and headlines, each of the three principles. and how we will work together to support the Ambition:

- Principles and Headlines
- Health & Wellbeing Ambition
- Inclusive Growth Ambition
- Zero Carbon Ambition
- Working Together

The Principles and Headlines section allowed visitors to provide feedback on the overall Ambition's main principles and key headlines. Visitors were encouraged to complete this section first as it could quickly gather feedback on the overall Ambition in an accessible way. Therefore, the majority of visitors completed this section.

Engagement

A total of 831 people visited the main online consultation page. This page explained the overall Ambition and encouraged visitors to read further and provide feedback. Of these 221 (26%) went on to read multiple pages giving more detail on the pillars and components.

Visitors could complete one or more surveys in the 5 sections listed above, and a total 197 respondents completed 285 surveys during the course of the survey. The table below shows the distribution of responses across the 5 sections.

Section	Responses
Principles and Headlines	149
Health & Wellbeing Ambition	43
Inclusive Growth Ambition	20
Zero Carbon Ambition	53
Working Together	20
TOTALS	285

Demographics

The Principles and Headlines section asked respondents to provide equality monitoring and demographic information. The tables below show the reach of this consultation and how this compares to the population of Leeds.

Each question had a 'prefer not to say' option. Those who selected that option are not included in the percentages below to give a more accurate comparison to the population.

This shows that the survey included respondents from a wide range of characteristics, however:

- We were under-represented from the younger population and over-represented on the older population. We were over-represented in persons with disabilities which may be linked to the age groups.
- Although we were under-represented by respondents from a BAME background, 8% of respondents from this group participated in the consultation.
- The survey was well represented by those who considered themselves to be of an LGBT+ sexuality.

		% Survey Respondents		% Leeds Residents - Census 2011	
Age / years	18 - 29	4%	▼	27%	Residents of Leeds, aged 18 and over only
	30 - 44	19%	▼	26%	
	45 - 64	42%	▲	29%	
	65+	34%	▲	18%	
Sex	Female	42%	▼	52%	
	Male	55%	▲	48%	
	Non-binary/Other	3%	-	-	
Ethnicity	BAME*	8%	▼	17%	
	White: British	92%	▲	83%	
Disability	Yes	12%	▲	8%	
	No	88%	▼	92%	
Sexuality	Heterosexual / Straight	88%	▼	90%	Estimate – Leeds City Council (not available in the last Census)
	LGBT+**	12%	▲	10%	

* This group refers to those who selected another ethnicity than 'White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British'

** This group refers to those that either said they are 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Other' or told us that the gender they identify with is different to their sex as registered at birth.

Results and Feedback

The Principles and Headlines provided a summary of the overall Ambition and the 3 pillars. This was where most visitors provided feedback, resulting in 149 responses in total.

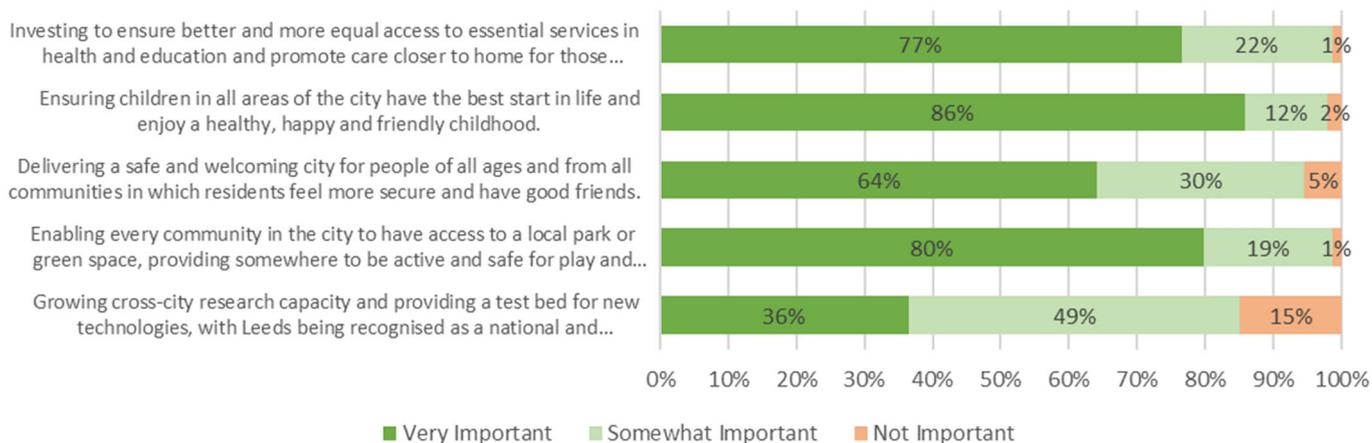
Respondents were presented with the detail of each of the three pillars, and asked to state how important or not important the pillar is to them and the city. The sections below show how respondents rated the importance of each component for all three pillars.

Best City Ambition: Health and Wellbeing

Visitors were shown the detail of the Health and Wellbeing Ambition including the 5 components that support this pillar. Respondents were asked to state how important each component is to them and to the city.

The chart below shows how respondents rated each pillar. This shows that:

- Less respondents (64%) rated the component *“Delivering a safe and welcoming city for people of all ages and from all communities in which residents feel more secure and have good friends”* as very important compared to most other components.
- The component *“Growing cross-city research capacity and providing a test bed for new technologies, with Leeds being recognised as a national and international hub for innovation in healthcare”* had the least importance rating, with 15% of respondents stating that this was not important and almost half (49%) stating this was somewhat important.



This consultation also asked visitors to comment on the specific pillars in more detail. Due to the varied nature of the feedback, the comments submitted have been included in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

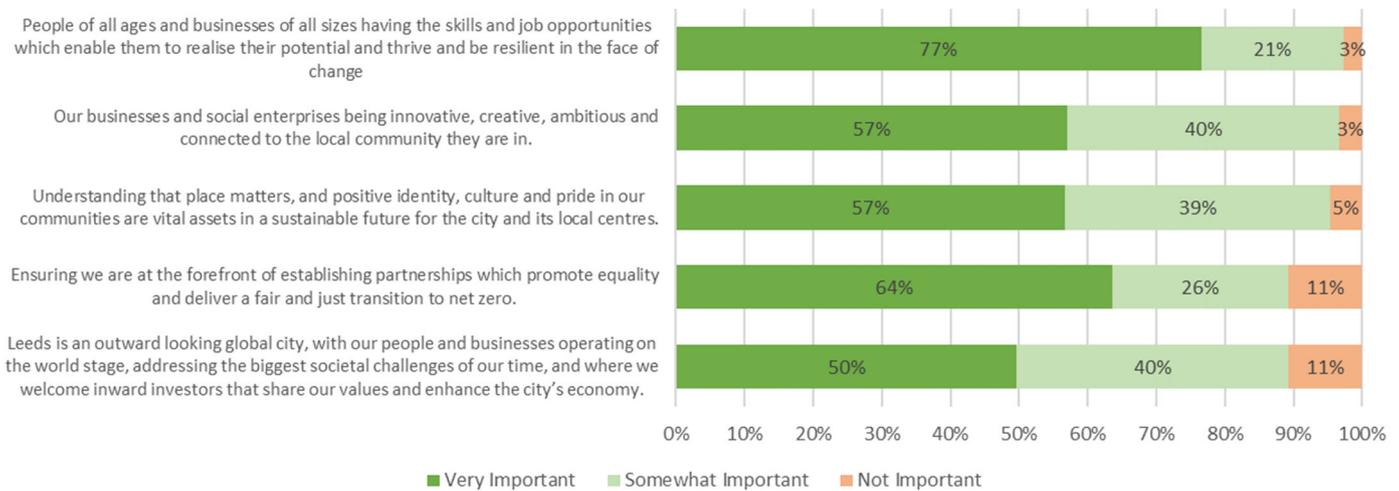
Best City Ambition: Inclusive Growth

Visitors were shown the detail of the Inclusive Growth Ambition including the 5 components that support this pillar. Respondents were asked to state how important each component is to them and to the city.

The chart below shows how respondents rated each pillar. This shows that:

- The component *“People of all ages and businesses of all sizes having the skills and job opportunities which enable them to realise their potential and thrive and be resilient in the face of change”* had the highest importance rating, with 97% of respondents stating that this was either somewhat or very important. More respondents thought this was very important compared to other components
- The remaining 4 components had a higher number of respondents rating this as somewhat important and not important.
- 11% of respondents rated the following components as not important:

- “Ensuring we are at the forefront of establishing partnerships which promote equality and deliver a fair and just transition to net zero”
- “Leeds is an outward looking global city, with our people and businesses operating on the world stage, addressing the biggest societal challenges of our time, and where we welcome inward investors that share our values and enhance the city’s economy”



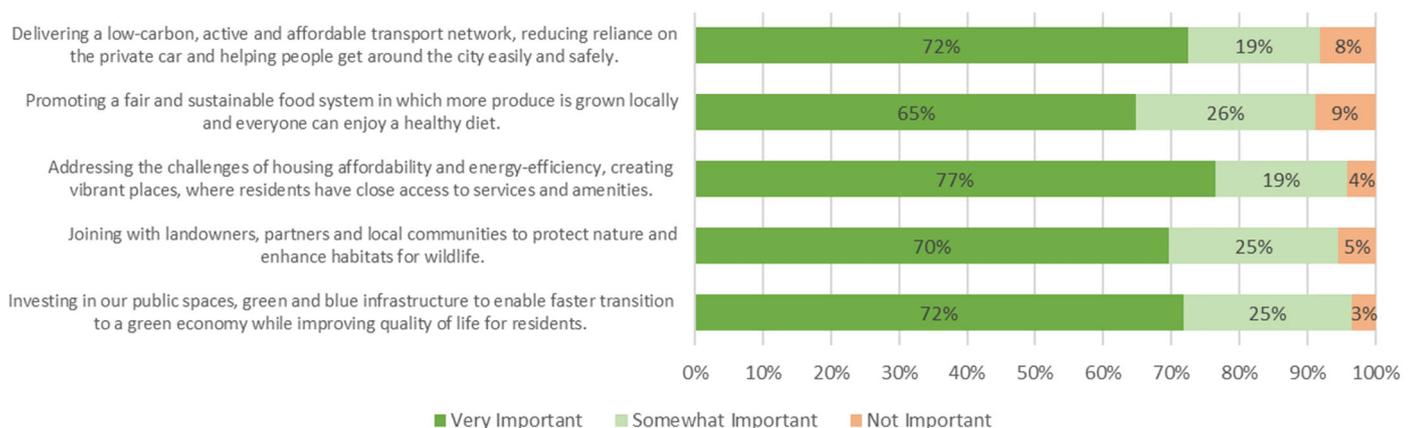
Pillar specific comments submitted have been included in Appendix 2 at the end of this document.

Best City Ambition: Zero Carbon

Visitors were shown the detail of the Zero Carbon Ambition including the 5 components that support this pillar. Respondents were asked to state how important each component is to them and to the city.

The chart below shows how respondents rated each pillar. This shows that:

- The component “Investing in our public spaces, green and blue infrastructure to enable faster transition to a green economy while improving quality of life for residents” was rated with the highest importance with 97% stating this was somewhat or very important and only 3% rating this as not important.
- Only 65% felt the component “Promoting a fair and sustainable food system in which more produce is grown locally and everyone can enjoy a healthy diet” was very important, and 9% thought it was not important.



Pillar specific comments submitted have been included in Appendix 3 at the end of this document.

Open Comments

The Principles and Headlines section asked two open-text questions to allow respondents to make further comments on the Ambition.

Question 1: *“Does the Best City Ambition - Tackling Poverty and Inequality, driven by the three pillars of Health and Wellbeing, Inclusive Growth and Zero Carbon identify the right areas of focus, responding to challenges, closing the gaps, and realising opportunities? Are there any gaps or omissions you feel should be included?”*

A total of 96 respondents added a response to this question (excluding duplicate responses). The comments were reviewed and grouped into broader themes to understand repeating opinions and views. Note that one response can refer to several different themes.

- 23 respondents (23%) said that they agree with the Ambition principles and pillars
- 9 respondents (9%) felt that the Ambition was wordy/fluffy or difficult to digest
- 5 respondents (5%) said that we must deliver on the Ambition rather than this just being sound-bites.

37 responses made suggestions on other areas that we should focus on including:

- Transport (10)
- Education (6)
- Housing (5)
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (3)

Other miscellaneous comments (24) included:

- The need to work with the public to encourage them to support each other and their community
- Promote the city and working with neighbouring authorities
- Creating a sense of pride to encourage people to take part in the Ambition
- Two respondents made reference to a Doughnut Economy

Question 2: *“Do you think the three pillars of Health and Wellbeing, Inclusive Growth and Zero Carbon are the right basis for our ambition?”*

113 respondents provided feedback to this question (excluding duplicated). Many comments simply stated “yes” or “no” with little context.

- 63 comments (55%) stated that they agree we have the correct pillars, whilst 12 people (11%) did not agree.

Other comments included:

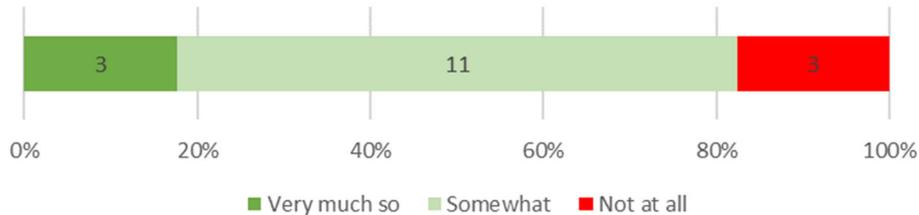
- Some stated Zero Carbon ambition is not achievable, others said that the order/priority of the pillars should be different
- Several respondents stated that the term Inclusive Growth may not be easily understood
- We should focus on the environment and air pollution, rather than just zero carbon.

Working Together and Team Leads

This section asked respondents to consider how we will work together. Altogether 20 people gave feedback in one or both questions.

Respondents were asked: “Do you feel like you are able to take part in discussions or decisions about what happens in Leeds and in your community?”.

17 visitors responded to this. This shows that 3 out of 17 respondents felt they were unable to take part in discussions or decisions that happen in Leeds and their community, whereas 14 out of 17 felt they could.



Respondents were asked: “How would you like to get involved in the future?”. This was a multiple-choice question. The chart below shows that:

- 14 out of the 20 respondents would like to join a panel of citizens to help guide council and partner decisions
- Only 5 out of the 20 respondents would volunteer in their community, and only 4 out of 20 respondents would like to support the running of local venues or services on a voluntary basis



There was three open text questions in this section.

Question 1: “Do you agree with our suggestion to build on existing partnerships and networks in Leeds, instead of creating a new overarching partnership structure?”. 15 people left a response to this:

- 8 respondents (50%) said they agree with our suggestion to build on existing partnerships in Leeds
- 4 respondents said that it was ‘wordy’ or difficult to understand

Question 2: “Which key cross-sector, cross-city issues should our Team Leeds Accelerators focus on?”. 15 people left a response to this many suggestions including:

- Reducing emissions/climate (4)
- Inequality (3)
- Public transport (3)
- Health and social care/NHS (2)
- Employment (2)

Question 3: "Do you agree with our suggestion to build on existing partnerships and networks in Leeds, instead of creating a new overarching partnership structure?". 13 people left a response to this question.

- 9 respondents stated that they agree with our suggestion
- Others did not fully agree, or only agreed with some aspects

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Pillar Specific Comments: Health and Wellbeing

The comments below are displayed as they were submitted. Some comments with little substance or duplicate comments have been removed.

Does the Health and Wellbeing Ambition identify the right areas of focus, responding to challenges, closing the gaps, and realising opportunities? Are there any gaps or omissions you feel should be included?

I feel like only highlighting mental health in relation to green spaces isn't enough. There should be a whole section focussing on accessing mental health services.

I've just spent 20 minutes of my life reading a lot of words stating the obvious. I'll never get the time back. Whoever wrote all this, I hope as a rate payer I haven't wasted my hard earned money paying for this waffle. This could have been said in fraction of the time. I lost interest, what a load of written diarrhoea .

need to do more to improve accessibility to health from outlying areas. Having to rely on a car for access is not acceptable

Important to include ways to exercise as this helps

We need more action on keeping green spaces (and city spaces) clean, it is depressing rather than wellbeing enhancing going for a walk with your child to see constantly rubbish everywhere

It would be good to look at the effect of private landlords on the health and wellbeing of people in our city, particularly those managed by a third party that might be more likely to approach dilapidation - affecting the resident(s) and the neighbouring properties.

Ensure that the desired process is aimed at "levelling up" to the highest level and does not result in just higher average results

Adopt a sustainable safety vision to create safer healthier streets. Give this responsibility to Public Health rather than transport

It doesn't seem to be 'focusing' at all, it's 'all-encompassing'

I think it is vital to 'level up' so that those with poor housing and neighbourhoods are provided with hope for a better and healthier future. It is particularly important that children from poor homes are not disadvantaged. I think the emphasis has got to be on child support.

We need to focus on BAME health and well-being due to the disproportionate impact from Covid 19 and many years and decades of neglect on BAME Inequalities and Racial injustice.

Listening to and learning from BAME communities is core and key to addressing and tackling the root causes of BAME Inequalities at system, institutional and place levels.

An investment fund needs to be made available and setting up of a Race and Health Unit should be a top priority for Health and Wellbeing Board.

We have a BME/Culturally Diverse Hub here in Leeds with a Health and Wellbeing Group and this Hub needs to be fully involved and included in all matters of Race Equality in Health from the design stage as part of the co production framework.

Hopefully there will be actions, not constant meetings to just talk

Before any of this can work, you need to fix our hospital problem. I had to wait 5 months to find out that I had a stomach ulcer as a long covid complication. Because, everytime I was very bad and called an ambulance, I was send home from the emergency services because my blood works were fine. But, blood works don't always show the problem... Your plans sound really good, but you need to start by building more hospitals. The hospitals that we have were build around 30 years ago for a much smaller population. That's where you need to start. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments.

As the pandemic has shown, internet access is key and every child and adult should have the support to have the equipment and internet connectivity to participate in Education, Research, work, daily life. This should be another key element of improving equality.

I believe this covers the right areas and links well to the other best city ambitions

Clear the street of drugs drug dealing and homeless people in all parts of city first

I would like to think that there is awareness of people who actually live on their own who have health and loneliness issues and may need additional support . Ensuring that there are better links between social services, health care and other support areas Concentrate on encouraging birth control so that so many children are not born into needless poverty. Once children have been taken into care stop BOTH parents from having more children.

Parks and green space quality matters, the goal should include this.

Think there could be more hear on mental health and on community cohesion.

I think its very good, very compassionate and if these ambitions are realised there should be no reason why people wouldn't want to come and live in Leeds / anyone living in Leeds who requires support would want to stay in such a City.

Well done for pulling this list together. Any changes would simply be word play.

Goals around young people are too nebulous I would like to see a very strong focus on become a city that promotes the interests of its young citizens and prepares them for successful adulthood.

To be able to answer this question constructively I need to understand who are, or what is, "Team Leeds" who will 'focus' on these five elements of 'Investing', 'Ensuring', 'Delivering', 'Enabling' and 'Growing', working closely with the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board responsible for setting strategic priorities? In order to identify any gaps and omissions or whether these are the right areas of focus I also need to understand how I, as a Leeds citizen, can become sufficiently informed to simply say yes or no to the first question or usefully answer the second question.

Thus seems reasonable if acted upon

There must be a greater focus on the links to the natural environment and ecological health. Local parks and green spaces are not a 'quick fix' but must be accompanied by policies to tackle transport injustices, access issues and air quality to ensure real change for people's health and wellbeing.

Moreover, to develop the focus on safe, secure and healthy communities there is a requirement for homes which are also safe, secure, affordable and comfortable to live in. Therefore, the Health and Wellbeing pillar must also focus on, respond to the challenges of, and close the gaps in Leeds' housing sector.

Although a focus on 'innovation in healthcare' and the use of 'new technologies' is generally supported, this must be done in a manner that protects and enhances personal privacy and ensures equal access to new developments for all. Leeds must work to enable people from all communities to equally benefit from any new technologies or innovations in healthcare, as well as all other sectors.

I think this is the right way to go.

But I don't understand why parks and green spaces are considered the same thing here. They're not, in fact it is ridiculous how many parks in Leeds have very few trees on. Is this a strategy to privatize the land and build flats or something? I don't think regular people are interested in trimmed grass fields. E.G. in front of Neville Hill Train Depot there is a big open space with almost no trees on it's uglier than golf course, it's a green desert and this approach should be changed - have some outdoor exercising equipment, playgrounds and definitely more trees.

Yes. Housing is key to better health. Both the physical quality and affordability and the house and the access to services, shops, green space, etc within easy reach of each community

This could do with also referencing other basic human needs that we are not fulfilling for many people in Leeds, the UK or the world. E.g. shelter, food, income, meaningful work, democratic participation, gender equality, race equality. All of these should come under wellbeing and living a good life. We should also be linking this more closely with a healthy and accessible environment, which helps boost health and wellbeing. E.g. through access to green space, clean air, wildlife, walking routes.

Wellbeing also include reducing nature deficit and having access to cheap, nutritious food. So get planting food forests and fruit trees and bushes wherever possible.

I think these ambitions are too vague and broad and aren't specific enough. They should go more to the heart of the problems with health and wellbeing inequalities that exist in our society. There are many layers to health and wellbeing - poverty being a large part of the cause of other problems. We face huge challenges in public health and I'm afraid these ambitions don't tackle them head on.

Here are some further examples we should be including:

Improving air quality for all people, particularly those in low income, built-up areas, don't allow worsening air quality from increased flights and enforce no smoke zones and stop burning of wood in residential areas.

Healthy and sustainable homes that are well insulated, reducing fuel poverty and reducing stress.

Physical activity should be built into daily life - we should be promoting active travel throughout the city to get people moving on a daily basis rather than relying on cars. This can be helped by moving towards 15-minute neighbourhoods.

Improvement to mass transport system to allow more equitable access to all areas of the city - enabling more options for jobs and community.

Greening of all streets, not just provision of green spaces (that are also important) - connecting people to larger green spaces if they can't access close by.

Create more spaces for communities to gather outside (pedestrianisation of streets) in groups and community spaces for community building.

Ensure affordability, variety of choice and inclusion through the mix of housing typologies; co-living, later living and intergenerational living in all new developments.

Reduce fast food concessions and increase healthy food outlets.

Strengthen connection with biodiversity, with gardens or rewilding on brownfield sites.

Innovative healthcare will not solve many of the lifestyle diseases we are tackling with public health in this county such as obesity and diabetes. A healthier lifestyle needs to be supported, not trying to magic it away with new drugs.

Address gender inequalities in healthcare? Address unhealthy work practices, pollution, bad housing, lack of access to gender transition services... (assume these are dealt with below)

Appendix 2 – Pillar Specific Comments: Inclusive Growth

The comments below are displayed as they were submitted. Some comments with little substance or duplicate comments have been removed.

Does the Inclusive Growth Ambition identify the right areas of focus, responding to challenges, closing the gaps, and realising opportunities? Are there any gaps or omissions you feel should be included?

There is precious little point in having jobs available if workers cannot get to them because of a lack of Public transport to suitable jobs. Likewise PT is important to access training and learning opportunities.

No, it's mostly waffle

I work at a university, and what I see every day is that support for learning and job searching is required. There are a range of job opportunities out there. The issues are a) a lot of the jobs on offer do not cover the daily bills to allow for independent adult living b) confidence building is key. No matter what your qualifications are on paper, if students do not receive positive enforcement (many do not at school or at home) and start to build a belief that they CAN do things, they will not be the chosen candidate for jobs. We need role models and continuous reassurance to build confidence in the young. This is to enable them to go for jobs, even if they don't meet all the criteria, don't have x years of relevant experience, don't have the right connections etc. It's about believing that you can learn and grow...and that shows to the employer. People with this belief get given opportunities and chances. The best qualified with low confidence are left to linger.

I believe this is very comprehensive and covers the main areas

Child Friendly! The city has orange thumbs everywhere and actually had a lot of progress with the events and things on for children. In lockdown I loved the blog site. But going forward or growing forward, you haven't mentioned much? Children should be at the centre of what we do everywhere!

The Inclusive Growth Ambition appears to fail to acknowledge the link between health and social wellbeing and economic wellbeing. It is important that in this ambition Leeds City Council recognises that an 'inclusive economy' ensures all people are healthy and can thrive, and creates equality.

Therefore, the Inclusive Growth Ambition must go beyond highlighting the importance of ensuring all people and businesses have the skills and opportunities that enable them to thrive and be resilient. It must discuss the exploitative nature of the current economic model of the city and its historical, and current, role in generating the inequalities we see in Leeds today.

Moreover, there are gaps in the ambition's focus on net zero. Leeds must ensure that its economy does not only strive for net zero but seeks to operate within its planetary boundaries; not exploiting people or planet. Furthermore, this attitude must go beyond seeing Leeds as an island and must engage more deeply with Leeds' role internationally by recognising that activities in Leeds impact people and the planet beyond the city boundaries.

Leeds must, therefore, adopt a new model which deprioritises growth and other measures complicit with the current model of endless growth, such as GDP. Instead, Leeds must move towards a local economy where Community Wealth Building and thriving livelihoods become the focus.

Only after actively engaging with these factors and implementing them within this guiding ambition can Leeds be seen to be working towards creating a city striving to be sustainable, equal, fair and just.

What is 'Inclusive Growth'? Is it a process? It seems to be about 'economic growth', in which case the third point seems a little misplaced, it is a good ambition stating that 'place matters' but surely this needs to be promoted to be more than a sub-heading as all of our citizens live in their 'places' and are currently disenfranchised by a centralised governmental system that massively distances citizens from Westminster's control of economic growth in their neighbourhood. The power of co-creation and co-production in our local communities remains untapped. This is a massive waste of resource both economically and culturally. LCC needs to move from public consultation to early dialogue and engagement in terms of temporary uses for urban spaces and buildings.

While it mentions a net zero transition, it doesn't say that impact on the climate should be the key criterion for judging what type of growth to permit and support - that's a glaring omission. Of all the pillars, zero carbon/climate and inclusive growth are the ones most likely to be in conflict. Look at the airport as an example: the 'new jobs' argument won out against the 'climate damage' argument. We need to make zero carbon/climate integral to all decisions about growth. What if someone proposed opening a coal mine which would create jobs in a deprived area? That would meet the inclusive growth goal but be disastrous for the zero carbon/climate goal

'Benefits of economic growth' is incorrect. Economic growth will lead to even greater climate and ecological chaos. We need to reject growth and focus on wellbeing and the actual needs of our citizens. Let's take a doughnut economics approach focused on people and planet. The current economic model exploits workers and is wrecking our planet, let's throw it in the bin and work to a new model as cities around the world are starting to.

No - I have no idea why you have focused on growth here! Growth implies an increase in GDP, production etc which is completely at odds with ambitions to lower our carbon emissions, we cannot exponentially grow without using up the planet's resources. What we need is Sustainable Prosperity, where we don't see money/production as linked to health and wellbeing. Bringing those people living in poverty out of that trap is paramount, but we have very wealthy people in Leeds too, this ambition doesn't say to me that we are driving for a truly equitable community in the city. Are you looking at the Doughnut model and how we can get more circular businesses into the city?

"innovative, creative, ambitious" is really off-putting language - it sounds like a job advert, not a goal related to wellbeing. It is difficult to say what any of this means, if anything, without concrete examples, but anything where the term "growth" is used uncritically is worrying. It is also concerning that "inclusive" appears to take no cognisance of our global responsibilities - it is true that people are motivated by attachments to the local, but this must be differentiated from competitive localism and extractivism. What can we in Leeds do for the world in general?

Appendix 3 – Pillar Specific Comments: Zero Carbon

The comments below are displayed as they were submitted. Some comments with little substance or duplicate comments have been removed.

Does the Zero Carbon Ambition identify the right areas of focus, responding to challenges, closing the gaps, and realising opportunities? Are there any gaps or omissions you feel should be included?

Had double glazing added to our house despite the huge hassle of getting listed building permission. Had substantial improvement to insulation when house was re-roofed.

Planting trees is not a numbers game. Planting in a grid system is not what nature does and it would be helpful if the public knew where planting was going on. People might actually be happy to keep an eye on the whips and saplings and ensure they are watered. I have heard of too many instances of plants dying, from lack of water or vandalism. If you would like folks to get involved in growing food then providing allotments would be a start, we don't have any

We have tried to install an air heat pump and solar panels in our private home because we wanted to make our contribution, but we ended up with paying over 8000 Pound (half of the contracted sum) to a company that then went bust. We lost the money and nothing has been done. For people who want to make a difference there should be more guidance, more support. Right now it feels like if you are trying to do the right thing, you are only punished.

went meat free ,walk to every where under five miles use less tv electric and gas

Scrap the upgrading of Leeds Bradford airport.

The Council seems content that planting new trees is an answer for cutting down mature trees that are at last 70 years old. The proposals to cut down the memorial trees on the Ring Road between the A65 and Fink Hill, these trees are in memory of armed forces personnel who died in the two world wars. If you improve roads you encourage more traffic.

We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint, but a good example as to why trams are do important is through our company having an office in Leeds and Manchester. Because of unreliable public transport, the Leeds office staff travel by car yo work. In Manchester, our office there use the superb tram network not only to get to work and back, but also when seeing clients being able to tell to all areas of Greater Manchester with ease. In Leeds our team has to use cars to visit clients

I am a member of 'Feed Leeds ' which actively contributes to develop food growing and supply systems at individual, community and farming levels, to increase sustainable food growing systems and increase food security for people in Leeds. I am also a member of Zero Carbon Yorkshire, supporting CO2 reduction .

I think more could be about improved efficient public transport

Look at the impact of homeworking? This is an opportunity at the moment, so people are using their cars less but there seems to be conflict between promoting this but wanting to encourage people into the city centre to spend money? How does lots of people working from home and burning fuel, etc, stack up against lots of people working in workplaces and burning fuel, etc. This is soemthing the council could investigate with all its employees, maybe get the University to do a study?ore roads/streets that cars can't use,

Working along with LCC to help deliver these improbvements

I would install a zero carbon boiler once they have been invented and move to an electric car once you are able to charge them in the same amount of time as it takes to fill a car with petrol. Until then, it is not viable

I installed solar panels about ten years ago, have replaced a gas fire with electric, have cavity wall insulation and very deep insulation in the loft. I use the car as little as possible, but it is difficult to access some parts of Leeds by public transport. I am a pescatarian, grow a few useful plants - rhubarb, small apple and pear trees, and have a pond to support wild life. I have been considering air or ground source heat pumps, but my boiler is only 10 years old, and we need to balance throwing away existing working equipment against reduction in carbon emissions. I get a veg box with local organic produce and try to avoid anything imported by air.

Absolutely nothing although my wife & I have both changed from diesel to petrol engine cars in the last 3 years.

I try to cycle or use public Transport to travel but there are no safe cycling routes out of our village and our public transport is unreliable and infrequent

I have an electric car, which cost me about twice the price of a similar sized diesel car. You have reduced on street city council parking spaces so that the number of places of free parking are diminished. You could encourage more people to buy electric cars by having fast chargers installed around the city or in car parks/shopping centres..

I work for Leeds city council so these principles are embedded in everything we do

solar panels and better recycling from the hospital would greatly help

Bicycle lanes underused as the lycra brigade think that the roads are their gymnasiums and they are on the 'tour de Yorkshire'!

I will not focus on zero carbon emissions while LCC increases carbon emissions at LBA and the Armley Gyratory and fails to listen to feedback provided in Connecting Leeds consultations.

I am keen to do all I can to contribute to the Zero Carbon ambition, but feel I have probably done nearly all I can do personally - home insulation, minimal heating, will likely switch to an ASHP in the future, have an allotment, try to eat locally produced food where possible, minimised car use and will probably soon stop having a personal car, cycle wherever possible, have a compost bin, recycle everything I can... But that will only go so far. I'd really like to know and be supported in activities to help bring transformational change to the street and community I live in. It's challenging but I'd be interested to know and support whatever Leeds as a city does to empower communities with knowledge, information and support to allow them to be a key part of this change. That will take time. There will probably be few easy wins!

Ban the use of single use cups and cutlery throughout Leeds

Not visiting city centre or commuting to offices. Only shop online, avoiding use of public transport for safety and environmental reasons. All shops can then close and Leeds City Council will be able to claim net Zero as achieved.

Our Future Leeds is working with the Climate Action Leeds programme and its partners, as well as other organisations from across the city to work towards creating Leeds into a zero carbon city by the 2030s. Our Future Leeds will continue to work with, support and advocate for these organisations as we actively work towards creating the zero carbon city.

Our Future Leeds also had numerous working groups focused on different sectors and topics, including transport, housing and home energy as well as others. These groups are key for developing campaigns and strategies to push for and create city-wide change that promotes a zero carbon future.

I'm an individual, not an organisation. I've switched my house fuel to renewable electricity and 'recycled' gas from agricultural waste. I've fitted new, better quality double glazing. I've reduced my car use.

Climate Action Leeds can help support massively on this, and wants to work collaboratively on it with the Council (which we already are starting to). We also have transition partners and a focus across lots of different sectors, with a lot of expertise, energy and enthusiasm.

I have has solar panels installed, because I can afford to, but we need to get solar panels on as much residential property as possible - this will also help reduce fuel poverty

Thanks to this government and their financial masters, the spec of new builds in this country are environmentally embarrassingly poor compared too the rest of Europe. These specifications need to be on a par with countries like Germany and Scandanavian countries.

Through my work in design I will be working on projects to retrofit insulation in homes, build new homes that are zero carbon. I will be re-wilding my garden. I will reduce my own emissions and those of my family.

I have, with regret, just bought a new house which relies on gas heating, and don't have capital to spare to fix this. Leeds City Council shouldn't be granting planning permission for houses like this in the first place. But now they they have, helping people in fossil-houses access the capital and expertise to retrofit with clean energy supply would make a big difference.