



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport Climate Action Now

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Report for Area Committees

September 2021



1. Stockport CAN Funding scheme

The Stockport CAN funding aims to engage residents with the CAN strategy by providing support for micro projects that act as a catalyst to reduce or mitigate local carbon emissions.

Grants of typically £100 - £500 will enable Stockport residents to work together to kickstart actions that impact carbon emissions in their community. This may include activities such as starting community food growing, enabling repair cafes, energy saving in buildings and more.

The fund aims to increase the amount of climate action in Stockport by reaching new groups who do not usually apply for funding and by highlighting the co-benefits of climate action, such as health and wellbeing, financial savings and community development.

- The fund will be launched at the Climate Summit on Tuesday 9th November 2021 and will run until December 2022.
- Applications will be assessed and approved by Members within each ward.
- Members are asked to promote the funding scheme when it is launched.



About the fund

- There will be £9000 available to residents within each ward from November 2021 – December 2022, distributed through Area Committees.
- Groups of residents can apply for the funding. They do not need to be a constituted group to apply.
- Full guidance on eligible activities will be provided to Members.
- Members will be provided with promotional and guidance materials to help share the fund within their wards, drawing on Members' knowledge of their areas to help extend reach to groups who do not usually apply for funding and who are not yet 'climate active'.
- Applications will be assessed and approved by Members within each ward. To manage demand on Member's time, it is suggested that Members present applications by exception at Area Committee meetings.
- Members are encouraged to follow up with funding recipients to monitor progress and improvements within their Ward. Members can highlight success stories within their wards to feature in comms.
- Any monies outstanding will be used to fund initiatives within the Stockport CAN programme.



Example funding scenarios

- A community centre could apply for £200 of energy saving devices for their building, achieving a combined carbon saving of over 645kg a year. Additionally, this could save them up to £175 on their energy bills each year.
- A community group could apply for £185 seed funding to start a repair café. By repairing 24 items of clothing in a year they would save 250kg of carbon, divert waste from landfill and share new skills with community members.
- A school could apply for £500 to build 2 raised beds that would enable them to start food growing. This will directly reduce and capture emissions but could also educate pupils and parents about how choosing local, seasonal produce will lower carbon footprints.



2. Stockport CAN Summit

Tuesday 9 November 2021

Online, free tickets bookable through Eventbrite.

Key outcomes

- Engage and inspire residents who are not yet active on climate change.
- Showcase the amazing work of diverse communities, residents and businesses in the borough.
- Demonstrate the council's commitment to the climate action agenda.
- Launch ongoing support, such as CAN funding.
- Be a call to action for Stockport residents, schools, communities and businesses to get involved with Climate Action Now.



Agenda

- Stockport CAN** Grounding the event in Net Zero carbon by 2038
- Businesses** How organisations are measuring their climate impact
- Young People** The future of climate action, young people speak
- Communities** Focusing on individual carbon footprints
- Closing** Together Stockport CAN!

Throughout the day there will be a mix of presentations, Q&A's, videos, breakout rooms, Menti surveys and activities.



Post-event

- The **Stockport CAN Funding** for micro projects.
- The **Stockport Sustainable Business Network** and ongoing support from the Business Growth Hub's Journey to Net Zero training.
- Subject to feedback at the summit, **development of Climate Networks** for young people, schools and communities.
- A **post-event survey** will give the chance for residents to give feedback, share ideas and local actions, and register to be kept informed about future climate-related works. This will link in with Climate Network development.



3. Role of Members

Stockport CAN Funding

- Members will be crucial in the delivery of this funding scheme by deciding which projects to fund.
- Members are asked to use their extensive knowledge and connections with their wards to promote the scheme to groups, communities and residents and to encourage applications.
- Promotional and guidance materials will be provided to Members.

CAN Summit

- To ensure the event reflects the diversity of Stockport and to encourage broad and representative coverage from across the borough, Members are asked to make suggestions of residents, groups, schools and businesses to invite to attend or to feature in the event.
- In October, Members will be asked to share promotional information via their networks and to encourage attendance from people across their wards, especially with groups or residents who may not usually be active with, or as engaged about issues concerning climate change.

The council CAN team are available at StockportCAN@stockport.gov.uk

