



Our Town Council Manifesto

We ask each candidate to make the following commitments:

1. Vision and commitment

- Recognise the urgency of the climate crisis and commit to bold action in raising public awareness and driving a rapid transition to achieve a net-zero economy.
- Support adaptation efforts to protect communities from extreme weather, ensuring a thriving, resilient, climate-ready Harrogate with all the benefits that brings.

2. Visionary long-term planning

- Ensure that the Harrogate Neighbourhood Plan and North Yorkshire Local Plan work together to drive sustainability – prioritising key areas: clean energy, sustainable transport, and energy-efficient buildings enabling people to thrive

3. Warm homes

- Recognise that national programmes to upgrade housing to be more energy-efficient and cheaper to run will ignore 90% of households. We need to support homeowners to upgrade their homes by equipping construction professionals and building consumer confidence to stimulate demand and help drive investment in energy-efficient homes.

4. Cleaner, cheaper, homegrown energy

- Back community-led initiatives for affordable, renewable energy to reduce our local reliance on fossil fuels, thereby reducing energy costs for homes and businesses and strengthening energy security and aligning with national clean energy targets

5. Rethinking travel and transport

- Prioritise active travel, shared and sustainable transport to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and ensure accessible, affordable mobility to create a cleaner, fairer, integrated, low-carbon transport system for all.

6. Upskilling for a low carbon economy

- Invest in training and education to prepare people for a changing climate, ensuring we all have the appropriate skills to protect homes, businesses and infrastructure while navigating the energy transition, and equipping the next generation for a new, greener economy.