

## SUPPLEMENTARY FILE

### A) Interview Questions - DCE Taskforce/ Response Group members:

1. How did you come to be involved in DCERG/TF and how long have you been participating or contributing to it?
2. Can you outline in what ways (if any) you've been involved in decision making linked to the citizen's assembly?
3. Can you reflect on how members of DCE Taskforce/ Response Group have been able to influence/co-create the setting up of the Citizens Assembly process?
4. What are your expectations of the citizen assembly process? What do you think are the benefits of holding a citizen's assembly? What are the risks of holding the assembly process?
5. Thinking about the potential challenges of running the citizen assembly process, what would you consider a representative panel of citizens would look like? Are there issues with the getting a representative assembly? Can you consider in particular any challenges that might be involved in deciding on the numbers of assembly members and their geographic location within Devon?
6. Are there challenges, do you think, in managing public expectations of the outcomes of Citizen's Assembly? And in being able to get the public to understand the complexity of policy choices?
7. What value do you think the citizen assembly process will have for climate action in Devon? For example, how might public participation – via the assembly (in shaping of policy making) effect public acceptance of climate change policies and actions? *[In particular, are there any specific voting areas or issues where the assembly's opinions would make it easier/less difficult for you to act on Climate Change?]* Are there specific policies or actions where you are hoping for clear input from the CA?
8. How do think the current situation of Covid-19 influences the value of the CA to contribute to the Net Zero process?
9. Has the delay in implementing the CA made any difference to its value to the entire process?
10. What do you think about the value of an online citizen's assembly? Would it have different issues around legitimacy and representativeness?
11. Have your experiences within DCE Taskforce/ Response Group led to changes in how your organisation operates, tackles or plans to tackle specific issues of climate change?
12. What if anything, would you change about the DCE Taskforce/ Response Group process. How could the process be improved?
13. Is the DCE Taskforce/ Response Group different to other Devon/regional multi-partnership bodies you've been involved with?
14. Why do you think other councils are not doing a CA (Somerset, Cornwall) even though they too have declared a climate emergency?
15. Do you think the outcomes from the CA process will be embedded in future policies, and communications to the public? If so, how should this be carried out?
16. Would you use a collaborative, multi-partnership approach to tackling other critical issues?
17. Would your organisation consider using a citizen's assembly process (or similar) to seek public input on shaping policies or action on other critical issues? If yes, what issues would suit this approach?

### B) Survey Questions to Engaged Publics:

1. I have read the data protection information page and give consent for researchers to use my answers. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason.
2. Name
  - 2.a. Where do you live in Devon?
  - 2.b. What is your age?
3. How do you make a livelihood? (e.g.in work /retired/ home based carer/ student/state benefits/volunteer/other)
4. Did you give evidence to the Net Zero Carbon Plan as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? If so, what type of organisation? (eg business, NGO, pressure group or political party?):
  - 4.a. Please give more information:
5. How did you hear about the Devon Carbon Plan?

6. Have you seen information about Devon Climate Emergency (DCE) Project, the Citizens' Assembly and /or the Carbon Plan on social media or in the press?
- 6.a. If yes, have you engaged with the online posts on the DCE website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn?
7. Are you aware of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group? (the group of 25 organisations that has been established to provide strategic coordination to the Devon Climate Emergency)
8. Are you aware of the Devon Net Zero Taskforce? (the group of specialists who have been tasked with producing an evidence-led Devon Carbon Plan)?
9. If you submitted evidence to DCE, what issue or issues were of most concern to you?
10. How confident are you that the evidence you submitted will be listened to and taken into consideration?
11. Are you aware of the other aspects of the DCE Carbon Plan evidence gathering process? (I.e. Citizens' Assembly, Expert Hearings)
- 11.a. Please give further details of what you know about any of these elements of the DCE Carbon Plan Process:
12. Do you think a Citizens' Assembly is a useful way to consider how to address critical climate change issues? If so, why? If not, why not?
13. What do you think are the strengths or weaknesses of using a Citizens' Assembly to address climate change: Strengths (if any): Weaknesses (if any)
14. So far, UK citizens assemblies have been held in urban areas. What specific issues do you think are raised by holding a Citizens' Assembly on climate change in Devon?
15. Who should be asked to present information to the citizens as experts? Select as many as desired
- 15.a. Please give more information on your choices:
16. What are the main things that would affect the legitimacy of the Devon Climate Assembly?
17. Who do you think should be asked to participate as citizens in the Devon Climate Assembly? (eg Which demographic categories are most important?)
18. Do you think the Devon Citizens' Assembly should be advisory only or should it have the power to make policy decisions?
- 18.a. Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:
19. When developing climate policy, how much weight should be given to the recommendations provided by participants in a citizen's assembly compared to those of elected politicians representing their constituents?
20. Do you think that Citizens' Assemblies are a useful way to consider other difficult policy challenges (e.g. economic policies, educational reform, health and social care)?
21. Would you be willing to take part in a follow up interview (we are only carrying out a small number of interviews)?
- 21.a. If Yes please give your name and email address: