**Summary of Evaluation Research Activities**

The Evaluation Group carried out three key research projects which supported the organising group and facilitators during the delivery of Kendal’s Citizens Jury.

Research included:

1. Research with Jury Members
2. Research with members of the Oversight Panel
3. Research with the public: the community survey

**Research with Jury Members**

The Jury members were sent an online survey halfway through the Jury.

The aim of this survey was to find out jury members' previous engagement with climate change, whether they found the first four sessions worthwhile and their experience of using the online platform. Additionally two jury members were interviewed. A summary of the both findings was shared with the Oversight Panel and facilitators to inform the remainder of the jury process.

**Research with members of the Oversight Panel**

16 of the 19 Oversight Panel members were interviewed. The purpose of the research was to understand the institutional perspective of the various members, including organizational opportunities and barriers to addressing climate change, and actions or policies that would be particularly helpful in achieving net zero emissions by 2030.

The interviews led to a greater understanding of the views and priorities of the various institutions.. Responses were used to inform action points that helped with, for example:

* addressing gaps in local knowledge about the jury and/or climate change
* suggestions on issues related to the practical implementation of recommendations
* supporting the need for resources and methods to present change in a positive way
* building on the widespread view that cooperation and coordination were necessary to adequately address the climate crisis.

**Research with the public: the community survey**

The community survey was completed online due to Covid restrictions. The survey was widely publicised and ran throughout September and October 2020. 173 people completed the online questionnaire. Two thirds of the respondents were women and the majority were aged between 40 and 80. The survey findings (see below) can be regarded as illustrative of local people’s views, but not statistically representative of them.

Key findings

The overwhelming majority of people agreed or strongly agreed that:

* They had a reasonable understanding of climate change (94%)
* We are all facing a global climate emergency (92%)
* The Government and all local authorities (including Kendal Town Council) must take urgent action to tackle climate change (91%)

84% of respondents said they had heard of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens’ Jury. Of these, a clear majority agreed or strongly agreed that:

* They had a reasonable understanding of what the Citizens’ Jury was doing (68%)
* The Citizens’ Jury is a good idea (78%)

The evaluation group have indicated that they would be willing to continue their support for the Jury by conducting additional research as the delivery of the Jury recommendations proceeds. Their commitment and support was invaluable to the process and much appreciated.