



Market Drayton Town Council Priorities 2022

The Town Council's commitment to progress Climate Change and Environmental Issues

Work in partnership with interested groups.





Work in partnership to promote and create cycleways and footpaths in and around the town.

Wherever possible invest and promote green technologies on Council owned facilities.













Continue progress on Climate Change Action Plan.

Market Drayton Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

		S/M/L Term S – 2022/23 M - 2023/4 L – 2025/30	Time Commitment 🕒 low 🕒🕒 medium 🕒🕒🕒 high	Cost £ low ££ medium £££ high	Updates
Lobbying and Leadership					
	Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment	Short	🕒🕒	£	
	Publicise commitment	Short	🕒	£	
	Join Global Covenant of Mayors (https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/en/)	Short	🕒	£	




	Request support for carbon neutral status	Short		£	
	Climate Emergency Page on Website	Short		£	
	Make reference to Climate Emergency and need for renewable energy measures when commenting on planning applications	Short		£	
	Add Climate Emergency References in all new contract specifications and Tenders and add to the evaluation process	Short		£	

Carbon Reduction of Assets










	Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit	Short/Medium	  	££	
	Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures	Short	 	££	
	Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery	Medium	 	££	
	Reduce carbon footprint of toilets	Short/Medium	 	£££	
	Consider carbon footprint of any buildings to be taken on by the Town Council in the future	Long	 	££	
	Reduce carbon footprint of Town Council office activities	Short		£	

Renewable Energy





	Request energy from Town Council's electricity providers is renewable	Short/Medium		£	
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	Explore potential for installing Solar/Wind mitigating measures on Council Land/Buildings	Long	   +	£££+	
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Transport



	Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles	Long	   +	£££+	
	Explore replacement electric vehicles	Long	   +	£££+	
	Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling	Medium	  	£££+	

Waste Minimisation




	Continue with paperless Council Meetings	Short		£	
	Encourage Contractors to have a “Zero to Landfill” policy	Long	 	£	
	Ensure all waste is recycled and reused wherever possible	Short		£	

Open Spaces



	Develop Open Space Management Plans	Medium	   +	££	
	Any future Public Open Space adoption to include any Climate Emergency Needs	Medium	 	££	
	Develop a long-term approach to tree planting, including encouraging community tree planting and identifying locations for bulk planting	Medium	  	£££	

	Purchase Peat-Free Compost	Medium		££	
	Continue replacement of floral planters/baskets with built-in water reservoirs to reduce the need for watering	Medium		££	



Community Engagement

	Consider amending Town Council's grant application form to request evidence of applicants commitment to tackling the climate emergency	Short/Medium		£	
	Encourage Councillors to promote climate change	Short		£	
	Publicise and promote achievements in reducing the Council's carbon footprint on website and in The Messenger	Short		£	

Young People

	Include Climate Emergency in any youth activity	Short		££	
	Liaise with schools about Climate Emergency initiatives for young people with appropriate incentives	Medium		£	

Monitoring

	Report 6 monthly on implementation of the action plan.	Short		£	
	Undertake annual carbon footprint audit	Medium		££	