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**Council Meeting**

**20 April 2023**

**APPENDIX CO150**

Updated April 2023

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| **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**

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|  |  | **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 |  | **£** | Considered as and when policies are reviewed. |
|  | Publicise commitment | Short |  | **£** | Details are Town Council Website |
|  | Join Global Covenant of Mayors  (https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/en/) | Short |  | **£** |  |
|  | Request support for carbon neutral status | Short |  | **£** |  |
|  | Climate Emergency Page on Website | Short |  | **£** | Details are on our website |
|  | Make reference to Climate Emergency and need for renewable energy measures when commenting on planning applications | Short |  | **£** | Ongoing – regular reminders are given at Planning meetings. |
|  | Add Climate Emergency References in all new contract specifications and Tenders and add to the evaluation process | Short |  | **£** | Section added to tender documents for new play equipment and floral displays.  Consideration given when awarding contract on the sustainability of the equipment and how the carbon footprint is offset. |
| **Carbon Reduction of Assets** | | | | | |
|  | Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit | Short/Medium |  | **££** | Contacted Save our Shropshire for help and support |
|  | Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures | Short |  | **££** | Contact has been made with Marches Growth Hub requesting an audit. |
|  | Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery | Medium |  | **££** | Purchases are made locally where possible and their impact considered. |
|  | Reduce carbon footprint of toilets | Short/Medium |  | **£££** | Sensory lighting has been installed.  Automatic locking doors have also been installed which reduces staff travel. |
|  | Consider carbon footprint of any buildings to be taken on by the Town Council in the future | Long |  | **££** | Non being considered. |
|  | Reduce carbon footprint of Town Council office activities | Short |  | **£** | To aid efficiency a new boiler has been installed.  Ceiling has been lowered and insulated in chamber.  Double glazed door and windows installed |
| **Renewable Energy** | | | | | |
|  | Request energy from Town Council’s electricity providers is renewable | Short/Medium |  | **£** | No contracts are currently up for renewal. |
|  | Explore potential for installing Solar/Wind mitigating measures on Council Land/Buildings | Long | + | **£££+** | Purchased solar panel VAS signs |
| **Transport** | | | | | |
|  | Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles | Long | + | **£££+** | Shropshire Council are the lead on this. charging points have been installed on Queen Street Carpark, addition points are being installed on Frogmore Road carpark. |
|  | Explore replacement electric vehicles | Long | + | **£££+** | This will be considered when vehicles are due for replacement. |
|  | Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling | Medium |  | **£££+** | Town Council are working with Shropshire Council on the Shropshire Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan |
| **Waste Minimisation** | | | | | |
|  | Continue with paperless Council Meetings | Short |  | **£** | Ongoing |
|  | Encourage Contractors to have a “Zero to Landfill” policy | Long |  | **£** |  |
|  | Ensure all waste is recycled and reused wherever possible | Short |  | **£** | This is done via contract with local waste disposal company.  Council has joined warpit (to re-use item to avoid them going to landfill) |
| **Open Spaces** | | | | | |
|  | Develop Open Space Management Plans | Medium | + | **££** | Benches have been refurbished using recycled composite wood. |
|  | 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 |  | **££** | Council uses environmentally friendly compost. |
|  | Continue replacement of floral planters/baskets with built-in water reservoirs to reduce the need for watering | Medium |  | **££** | Ongoing. |
| **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 |  | **£** | Councillors have attending Carbon literacy training. |
|  | 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 |  | **££** | An Eco club has been set up at the Zone.  SYA who are commission to provide youth clubs include sessions on Climate Emergency. |
|  | 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 |  | **££** |  |