

Torpoint Town Council

Climate Emergency Action Plan



This Action Plan was originally adopted by Torpoint Town Council on 18th August 2022 following the declaration of a Climate Change Emergency in October 2021
Progress to be reviewed twice annually by the Development and Localism Committee, with an annual review in time for the annual Development Plan and a report produced and presented to the Annual Town Meeting.

Thank you to Wem Town Council, where the initial format and inspiration for the emergency action plan was taken <https://www.wem.gov.uk/>

| Action | Timescale S – 2022/23 M - 2023/26 H – 2026/31 | Time Commitment 🕒 low 🕒🕒 medium 🕒🕒🕒 high | Cost £ low ££ medium £££ high | Committee Responsibility | Last Approved XX/XX/XX |
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| Lobbying and Leadership | | | | | |
| Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment | Short | 🕒🕒 | £ | ALL | Review in line with Policy review periods |
| Publicise commitment | Short | 🕒 | £ | WP group | WP group |
| Join Global Covenant of Mayors | Short | 🕒 | £ | WP group | www.globalcovenantofmayors.org |
| Request support for carbon neutral status | Short | 🕒 | £ | F & O | Research CC carbon neutral team |
| Climate Emergency Page on Website | Short | 🕒 | £ | D & L | Research other webpages |
| Make reference to Climate Emergency and need for renewable energy measures when commenting on planning applications | Short | 🕒 | £ | ALL | Seek guidance from Cornwall Council Planning for CC / Environmental issues to guide decision making |
| Add Climate Emergency References in all new contract specifications and Tenders and add to the evaluation process | Short | 🕒 | £ | ALL | Update tender documentation |
| Carbon Reduction of Assets | | | | | |
| Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit | Short | 🕒🕒 | ££ | F & O | Secure price to undertake audit by 2023 |
| Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures | Short | 🕒🕒 | ££ | F & O | Understand when last undertaken to consider next review date |
| Replace all Council lighting with LED | Short | 🕒🕒 | £££ | F & O | Agree schedule for replacement programme |
| Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery | Medium | 🕒🕒 | ££ | ALL | |
| Reduce carbon footprint of toilets | Medium | 🕒🕒 | £££ | F & O | Consider the proposed redevelopment of Antony Road toilets, plus all others |

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| Consider carbon footprint of any buildings to be taken on by the Town Council in the future | Long | 🕒🕒 | ££ | D & L | PID (project Initiation document) to be reviewed |
| Reduce carbon footprint of Town Council office activities | Short | 🕒 | £ | F & O | Reduce printing, request minimal packaging on items ordered e.g paper All appliances with exception of phones and CCTV turned off at plug each weekend. Turn off copiers at end of each day Use bicycle for travel to meetings / inspections within the town |
| Renewable Energy | | | | | |
| Request energy from Town Council's electricity providers is renewable | Medium | 🕒 | £ | F & O | Consider the current providers contractual arrangements, is it renewable and if not, cost to change to renewal |
| Explore potential for installing Solar/Wind mitigating measures on Council Land/Buildings | Long | 🕒🕒🕒+ | £££+ | D & L | |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles | Long | 🕒🕒 | £££+ | D & L | |
| Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling | Medium | 🕒🕒🕒 | £££+ | D & L | Integrated transport opportunities via the Town Team Project Board |
| Waste Minimisation | | | | | |
| Paperless Council Meetings | Short | 🕒 | £ | ALL | |
| Encourage Contractors to have a "Zero to Landfill" policy | Long | 🕒🕒 | £ | F & O | Initially clarify current BIFFA arrangements for disposal, then review contractors' policy on the same |
| Review Litter Bin Locations | Medium | 🕒🕒 | ££ | F & O | |
| Ensure all waste is recycled and reused wherever possible | Short | 🕒 | £ | F & O | Office waste is recycled, slightly more difficult with waste collected on recreation ground and bins as this is labour intensive also concerns for health and safety of staff |
| Open Spaces | | | | | |
| Develop Open Space Management Plans | Medium | 🕒🕒🕒+ | ££ | F & O | |
| Any future Public Open Space adoption to include any Climate Emergency Needs | Medium | 🕒🕒 | ££ | D & L | |
| Develop a long-term approach to tree planting, including, encouraging community tree planting and identifying locations for bulk planting | Medium | 🕒🕒 | £££ | D & L | |
| Use own compost, then subsequently purchase Peat-Free Compost | Medium | 🕒🕒 | ££ | F & O | |
| Reduce the amount of biological herbicides used by the council | Short | 🕒 | £ | F & O | |

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| Continue replacement of floral planters with built-in water reservoirs to reduce the need for watering | Medium | 🕒🕒 | ££ | F & O | Move towards drought resistant planting. Move towards rain harvesting. |
| Community Engagement | | | | | |
| Consider amending Town Council's grant application form to request evidence of applicants commitment to tackling the climate emergency | Medium | | £ | F&O | |
| Encourage and support Torpoint Environmental Action forum to encourage the community to embrace the Climate Emergency agenda | Short | 🕒 | | | Established prior to Action Plan – group has met as a standalone group and projects are being developed. |
| Encourage Councillors to promote climate change | Short | 🕒 | | ALL | ongoing |
| Publicise and promote achievements in reducing the Council's carbon footprint on website and in the Newsletters | Medium | 🕒 | £ | D&L | Discussion with Town Clerk relating to timescale and content. |
| Investigate the production of reusable "TorCups" for use in takeaways and at Town Events | Short | 🕒 | £ | | http://www.shrewsburycup.co.uk/ insufficient number of town events to warrant this outlay however something that could be pursued in the future |
| Young People | | | | | |
| Include Climate Emergency in any youth activity | Short | 🕒 | £ | | Ongoing |
| Liaise with schools about Climate Emergency initiatives for young people with appropriate incentives | Medium | 🕒🕒 | £ | | Possibility of offering Torpoint Town Council Awards for climate change consulting with young people. |
| Monitoring | | | | | |
| Climate Actions should be a consideration of all committees | Short | 🕒 | £ | ALL | Climate change to be on the agendas for meetings. Town Clerk to action. |
| Report twice annually reviews against plan | Short | 🕒 | £ | F&O | Dates to be calendared... September and April tbc. |
| Undertake annual carbon footprint audit | Short | 🕒🕒 | ££ | F&O | |