

Tadley Town Council Climate Emergency Strategy – September 2021

1.1	PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT: To consider the Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP), (separate document) prepared by a Working Group and to provide any comments for consideration by TTC	
2.1	RECOMMENDATION: That the Working Group: Considers and adds its comments on the draft CEAP and considers any costs involved	
3.1	BACKGROUND	
	This is in response to the national declaration of a climate change emergency in May 2019 and subsequent amendment to the Climate Change Act	
	TTC has declared a Climate Emergency and has produced a Strategy (this document). An Action Plan (CEAP) is being developed to enable the Council to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2030	
3.2	A CEAP Working Group is to be established and will report back to TTC regularly	
	The CEAP is to be informed by this working party as well as by discussions with TEG, residents and local businesses (e.g. Chamber of Trade) and with reference to Action Plans by both Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke & Deane BC	
	Examples of work to be undertaken by TTC to ameliorate against climate change includes:	
	Installing lighting in the TTC office with energy efficient LED lighting	
	Installing solar PV on the roofs of council-controlled buildings (done?)	
	Making a commitment to reduce carbon emissions from waste and recycling	
	Facilitating the installation of new rapid electric vehicle charger points (done, but consider any future requirements)	
	Supporting the local sustainable business network which enables environmentally committed businesses to share ideas and build working relationships.	
4.1	CONSIDERATIONS: Climate Change Action Plan Scope and Objectives.	
	The Working Group agrees that the focus of the climate change response should be on reducing the Council's operational carbon emissions	
	It agreed the following objectives as set out in the CEAP	
	To deliver net zero carbon emissions from TTC operations by 2030; and to provide community leadership to deliver a reduction in carbon emissions across the Town	
4.2	This first CEAP will initially cover a period up to 2025	
	The first review will be in one year from the issue of the CEAP	
4.3	Whilst the Action Plan focuses on targets to ensure that the Council's operations are zero carbon by 2030 the Council's wider role in supporting carbon emission reductions across the Town are also recognised	
4.4	Following agreement to the CEAP, a stakeholder launch event will take place. This will be followed by individual stakeholder discussions. It is expected that additional actions and amendments to the CEAP will be proposed from these. Additional actions will be considered by the Working Group for inclusion in the Plan	
4.5	If these actions can be progressed within the overall budgetary and staff resource constraints to meet our Climate Change objectives, then they will be progressed in advance of the annual review This is in line with the Working Group's desire for this CEAP to be a working document that takes best practice and new developments on board in a timely fashion	
4.6	Proposed Actions 2020 - 2025	
	Actions are set out under a number of themes, although many actions are interrelated	
	A summary of Actions is set out below:	
	Strategy • Embed carbon reduction objectives into all decision-making processes in the Council • Embed carbon reduction objectives into the Councils procurement process • Raise staff awareness	
	Energy • Energy audit to be carried out on TTC operational buildings, including heat waste and insulation • Feasibility study for self-generation of electricity • Support energy efficiency schemes	

	through for example raising awareness of grant funding • Investigate options for 100% renewable electricity supplier, smart metering of buildings	
	Transport • Costings for TTC vehicle to be zero emission (Infrastructure and vehicle), operational considerations to optimise and minimise use of vehicle and maximise vehicle life (in discussion with employees and H&S considerations)	
	Nature • Site search for greening opportunities (green roofs/walls etc) and pilot project • Completion of Tree Strategy. Strategy to minimise use of herbicides: Hedgerow strategy	
	Community Leader and Partnership: Working with our operational partners to minimise carbon emissions • Working collaboratively with local businesses • Working collaboratively with other Councils • New climate change webpages • Commitment to annual monitoring of the CEAP, Working with local schools and parent groups	
5	FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
	Is the proposal being funded from current budgets? Have staffing resources already been identified and set aside for the proposal? Are there any H&S requirements with financial implications?	
5.1	The Action Plan identifies the resources required to initiate the first set of actions. As set out above, further baseline data and feasibility studies are required before more detailed costings can be provided for some of the options that might be taken forwards	
6.1	ACTION: Subject to the Council's agreement to the Action Plan and Council agreeing a budget allocation (if required), TEG members will work with the Working Group to start implementation	
	Climate change meetings with other local Councils are to be arranged at regular intervals	
	TTC Climate Emergency Action Plan Carbon Reduction 2021 – 2025	
	This TTC Action Plan sets out the pathway of actions that will be taken in order for the Council's operational carbon emissions to be net zero by 2030. From adoption of this CEAP the Council will embed carbon reduction considerations into the day-to-day work of the Council including in its decision-making process	
	This CEAP is the Council's response to the declaration of a national Climate Change emergency in May 2019. It will be updated annually to cover a rolling five-year period. In addition to the reduction in the Council's own operational carbon emissions, the CEAP sets out how the Council will work with stakeholders to support reductions in emissions across the Tadley Area	
	Whilst this CEAP focuses on carbon reduction, it identifies further actions to be undertaken to develop an adaptation and mitigation programme. Background: Following the declaration of the national Climate Change emergency, the Government amended the Climate Change Act 2008 to set a target for the United Kingdom of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. In (date to be confirmed), Tadley Town Council formally recognised the serious impact of climate change globally and the need for urgent action by declaring a climate emergency	
7	Vision and Objectives	
	<i>In addition to supporting the national declaration of a climate change emergency, this CEAP supports the TTC Vision, which is for Tadley to become: 'The best place, community and environment to live, work and enjoy'. Note: this will need to be separately decided</i>	
	<i>Measures to achieve this include enhancing the environment with one of the ways in which this will be delivered being: 'Reducing the impact of climate change by building in sustainability to any new developments, encouraging re-wilding and using new technologies to mitigate the impact of climate change</i>	
	<i>The Objectives of the CEAP are: • To deliver net zero carbon emissions from TTC operations by 2030 and • To provide community leadership to deliver a reduction in carbon emissions across the Area</i>	