## **Wem Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan**

	S/M/L Term S – 2019/21 M - 2021/25 L – 2025/30	Time Commitment  ① low  ② medium  ② ② high	Cost f low ff medium fff high	Update 27.1.22
<b>Lobbying and Leadership</b>				
Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment	Short		£	Ongoing
Publicise commitment	Short	P	£	Ongoing
Join Global Covenant of Mayors	Short	P	£	Completed July 2019
Request support for carbon neutral status	Short	P	£	Letter sent to Sec of State for Energy and Climate Change July 2019. Representation made to SALC for NALC to lobby government.
Climate Emergency Page on Website	Short	P	£	Ongoing
Make reference to Climate Emergency and need for renewable energy measures when commenting on planning applications	Short	P	£	Ongoing
Add Climate Emergency References in all new contract specifications and Tenders and add to the evaluation process	Short	(P)	£	Ongoing Floral planters, Streetlighting and Public Toilets.
<b>Carbon Reduction of Asset</b>	ts			
Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit	Short		££	Completed by Marches Energy Agency annual monitoring needed.
Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures	Short		££	Report from Severn Wye Energy Agency complete.

	Replace Street Light heads with LED	Short	(P) (P)	£££+	Completed 2018
	Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery	Medium		££	Emissions of models considered during purchase of tractor and mower however there is not currently an electric model on the market in the council's price range. This will be reviewed when the mower is changed in the future.  Clerk and Groundsman investigating changing to battery operated strimmers and hedgecutters in the future.
	Reduce carbon footprint of toilets	Medium		£££	Consider rainwater harvesting unit installation – not cost effective as water savings would be limited.  PIR sensors fitted for lighting. Sensors fitted to reduce flushing of urinals.
	Consider carbon footprint of any buildings to be taken on by the Town Council in the future	Long		££	Ongoing
	Reduce carbon footprint of Town Council office activities	Short		£	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.
R	enewable Energy				
	Request energy from Town Council's electricity providers is renewable	Medium	(F)	£	Request sent, switch to renewables complete.
	Explore potential for installing Solar/Wind mitigating measures on Council Land/Buildings	Long	(P) (P) +	£££+	RCEF report identified options for Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre, works on hold due to Covid -19 and problems during re opening.

Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles	Long	(P) (P) +	£££+	Installation of electric vehicle charging point considered as part of RCEF project. Discussion taking place about leasing a caparking space on Bowensfield to a company to install a rapid vehicle charges Shropshire Council is to apply to OLEV for car park chargers during 2022.
Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling	Medium		fff+	Surface of Drawwell Walk improved, vegetation cut back, deep clean due January 2022 as part of Welcome Back Fund works. Other pathways being monitored for overgrowth and reported. Parish Paths Partnership Established in Town.  Cycle repair kit donated for cyclists visitin town, suitable central location to be foun to house it.
Vaste Minimisation				
Paperless Council Meetings	Short	(V)	£	10 councillors now receiving meeting papers via email.
Encourage Contractors to have a "Zero to Landfill" policy	Long	<i>(</i> *) (*)	£	Not currently progressed
Review Litter Bin Locations	Medium	PPP	£££	Not currently progressed
Ensure all waste is recycled and reused wherever possible	Short		£	Office waste is recycled, slightly more difficult with waste collected on recreation ground and bins as this is labour intensivalso concerns for health and safety of states.

Develop Open Space Management Plans	Medium		££	Groundsman and Clerk to discuss leaving
		(P) (P) (P) +	LL	areas of long grass unmown during 2022 on Trentham Road and Wheatfield Public Open Spaces along with a section on the Recreation Ground.  Issues around machinery to cut long grass and collect clippings need addressing and advice is currently being taken on this.
Identify potential new open space areas			£££	Working with Climate Change Group to identify locations. Millfields and Fothergil Way Open Spaces are registered as Assets of Community Value.
Any future Public Open Space adoption to include any Climate Emergency Needs	Medium	(F) (F)	££	Ongoing
Develop a long-term approach to tree planting, including encouraging community tree planting and identifying locations for bulk planting	Medium		£££	Tree planting has taken place on Wheatfields Play Area, Trentham Road Place and Wem Recreation Ground.  Damaged trees to be replaced in the autumn.  Plant a tree for the Jubilee over 90 households have expressed interest in planting a tree to commemorate the Jubilee.
Purchase Peat-Free Compost	Medium	PP	££	Floral planter's contract to use 50/50 pea free mix in 2022.
Continue replacement of floral planters with built-in water reservoirs to reduce the need for watering	Medium	PP	££	New 3 tiered planter purchased complete with reservoir to replace old style planter on Leek Street.

## **Community Engagement**

Consider amending Town Council's grant application form to request evidence of applicants commitment to tackling the climate emergency	Medium	PP	££	Amended to make reference to climate change
Establish Area forum to encourage the community to embrace the Climate Emergency agenda	Short	V		Established and projects are being developed.
Encourage Councillors to promote climate change	Short	P	£	Ongoing
Publicise and promote achievements in reducing the Council's carbon footprint on website and in the Wemian	Medium	(V)	£	Articles have been published
Investigate the production of reusable "Wem Cups" for use in takeaways and at Town Events	Short	V	£	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	P	££	Outstanding
Liaise with schools about Climate Emergency initiatives for young people with appropriate incentives	Medium	(F) (F)	£	Contact with Thomas Adams group
Monitoring				
Report quarterly reviews against plan	Short	P	£	Delayed due to coronavirus lockdown period
Undertake annual carbon footprint audit	Medium	PP	££	Next review Summer 2022

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