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		S/M/L Term S – 2019/21 M - 2021/25 L – 2025/30	Time Commitment 🕒 low 🕒🕒 medium 🕒🕒🕒 high	Cost £ low ££ medium £££ high	Update
Lobbying and Leadership					
	Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment	Short	🕒 🕒	£	Ongoing
	Publicise commitment	Short	🕒	£	Ongoing
	Join Global Covenant of Mayors	Short	🕒	£	Complete July 2019
	Request support for carbon neutral status	Short	🕒	£	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	🕒	£	Set up November 2019
	Make reference to Climate Emergency and need for renewable energy measures when commenting on planning applications	Short	🕒	£	Ongoing
	Add Climate Emergency References in all new contract specifications and Tenders and add to the evaluation process	Short	🕒	£	Ongoing Floral planters - Streetlighting
Carbon Reduction of Assets					
	Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit	Short	🕒 🕒 🕒	££	Completed by Marches Energy Agency annual monitoring needed
	Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures	Short	🕒 🕒	££	RCEF Application for feasibility study to be submitted Jan 2020 Lights of Butler Sports Centre function room replaced with LED lighting October 2019

Replace Street Light heads with LED	Short	 	£££+	Completed 2018
Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery	Medium	 	££	
Reduce carbon footprint of toilets	Medium	 	££££	Consider rainwater harvesting unit installation 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	 	££	
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

Renewable Energy







Request energy from Town Council's electricity providers is renewable	Medium		£	
Explore potential for installing Solar/Wind mitigating measures on Council Land/Buildings	Long	   +	£££+	RCEF Application to be submitted before 31.12.19

Transport













Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles	Long	   +	£££+	installation of electric vehicle charging point to be considered as part of RCEF project
Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling	Medium	  	£££+	Investment in Drawwell Walk to improve surface

Waste Minimisation






Paperless Council Meetings	Short		£	Ongoing 6 councillors signed up
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Encourage Contractors to have a “Zero to Landfill” policy	Long	 	£	
Review Litter Bin Locations	Medium	  	£££	
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	 	££	Floral planter’s contract to use 50/50 peat free mix in 2020
Continue replacement of floral planters with built-in water reservoirs to reduce the need for watering	Medium	 	££	To be built into future budgets

Community Engagement

Consider amending Town Council’s grant application form to request evidence of applicants commitment to tackling the climate emergency	Medium	 	££	
Establish Area forum to encourage the community to embrace the Climate Emergency agenda	Short			Established
Encourage Councillors to promote climate change	Short		£	
Publicise and promote achievements in reducing the Council’s carbon footprint on website and in the Wemian	Medium		£	

	Investigate the production of reusable “Wem Cups” for use in takeaways and at Town Events	Short		£	http://www.shrewsburycup.co.uk/
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 quarterly reviews against plan	Short		£	
	Undertake annual carbon footprint audit	Medium	 	££	

This Action Plan was considered by Wem Town Councils on 19th December 2019

To be reviewed