














Wem Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan







		S/M/L Term S – 2019/21 M - 2021/25 L – 2025/30	Time Commitment 🕒 low 🕒🕒 medium 🕒🕒🕒 high	Cost £ low ££ medium £££ high	Approved 30.7.20
Lobbying and Leadership					
	Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment	Short	🕒 🕒	£	Ongoing
	Publicise commitment	Short	🕒	£	Completed
	Join Global Covenant of Mayors	Short	🕒	£	Completed 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	🕒	£	Completed 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 successful structural survey partially completed March 2020 meeting to be held 4.8.20 to progress project further

	Replace Street Light heads with LED	Short	 	£££+	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 5 years time
	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








Renewable Energy

	Request energy from Town Council's electricity providers is renewable	Medium		£	outstanding
	Explore potential for installing Solar/Wind mitigating measures on Council Land/Buildings	Long	   +	£££+	Part of the RCEF application













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	  	£££+	Surface of Drawwell Walk improved



Waste Minimisation





Paperless Council Meetings	Short		£	Ongoing 6 councillors signed up
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		£	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	   +	££	
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	  	£££	Wheatfield and Trentham Road Public Open Spaces identified as suitable for more tree planting. Quotes to be considered by Amenities Committee in September
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	 	££	To be actioned for 2020
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	Establish Area forum to encourage the community to embrace the Climate Emergency agenda	Short			Established – group has met as a standalone group and projects are being developed.
	Encourage Councillors to promote climate change	Short		£	ongoing
	Publicise and promote achievements in reducing the Council’s carbon footprint on website and in the Wemian	Medium		£	Articles have been published
	Investigate the production of reusable “Wem Cups” 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		££	outstanding
	Liaise with schools about Climate Emergency initiatives for young people with appropriate incentives	Medium	 	£	

Monitoring

	Report quarterly reviews against plan	Short		£	6 month review due to coronavirus lockdown period
	Undertake annual carbon footprint audit	Medium	 	££	

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

To be reviewed quarterly