

# Wem Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

|  |  | <b>S/M/L Term</b><br>S – 2019/21<br>M - 2021/25<br>L – 2025/30 | <b>Time Commitment</b><br> low<br>  medium<br>   high | <b>Cost</b><br>£ low<br>££ medium<br>£££ high | <b>Approved 30.7.20</b> |
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## Lobbying and Leadership

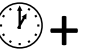
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|  | Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment                                        | Short |   | £ | Ongoing                                                                                                                         |
|  | 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<br>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

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|  | Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit                                | Short |    | ££ | Completed by Marches Energy Agency<br>annual monitoring needed                                                                        |
|  | Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures | Short |                                                                                         | ££ | RCEF Application successful structural survey partially completed March 2020<br>meeting to be held 4.8.20 to progress project further |

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|  | Replace Street Light heads with LED                                                         | Short  |   | <b>£££+</b> | Completed 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  | Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery                               | Medium |   | <b>££</b>   | 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 |   | <b>£££</b>  | Consider rainwater harvesting unit installation – not cost effective as water savings would be limited<br>PIR sensors fitted for lighting<br>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   |   | <b>££</b>   | ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|  | Reduce carbon footprint of Town Council office activities                                   | Short  |                                                                                      | <b>£</b>    | Reduce printing, request minimal packaging on items ordered e.g paper<br>All appliances with exception of phones and CCTV turned off at plug each weekend<br>Turn off copiers at end of each day<br>Use bicycle for travel to meetings / inspections within the town |

## Renewable Energy

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

## Transport

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|  | Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles | Long   |    <b>+</b> | <b>£££+</b> | installation of electric vehicle charging point to be considered as part of RCEF project |
|  | Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling                             | Medium |             | <b>£££+</b> | Surface of Drawwell Walk improved                                                        |

## Waste Minimisation

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|  | 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

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|  | 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

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|  | 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  |  | £ | <a href="http://www.shrewsburycup.co.uk/">http://www.shrewsburycup.co.uk/</a><br>insufficient number of town events to warrant this outlay however something that could be pursued in the future |

## Young People

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|  | Include Climate Emergency in any youth activity                                                      | Short  |                                                                                      | ££ | outstanding |
|  | Liaise with schools about Climate Emergency initiatives for young people with appropriate incentives | Medium |   | £  |             |

## Monitoring

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|  | 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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

To be reviewed quarterly