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Climate Change and the Environment Committee

Anticipated activities.

At the Full Council meeting on 14th July 2025, BSTC agreed to focus the actions of the Budleigh Salterton Town Council Climate Change Group, identifying three key areas of work. Budleigh Salterton Town Council is asked to consider and agree each of the following activities to be overseen and largely conducted by members of the Climate Change and Environment Committee for the next six months in order to progress the overarching activities agreed in July (reroofing / solar panels on the Public Hall, Traffic Emissions & Promoting the planting of Trees).

To ensure Budleigh Salterton Town Council responds appropriately to the climate and ecological emergency and plays its part in working towards net zero by at least 2050 and an interim target of 50% by 2030.

1. BSTC applies to EDDC for an East Devon Carbon Action Fund grant for a Carbon Reduction Audit for the Public Hall.

This is a decarbonisation support programme fully funded by East Devon District Council. Through that support programme, BSTC will have a Carbon Survey, and could later be supported to achieve a Carbon Reduction Plan which would identify areas in which BSTC can reduce its carbon footprint and consider the best changes to make. Signing up to the Carbon Action Programme will entail minimal staff time and no direct financial cost to BSTC.

2. The Climate Change and Environment Committee reports on the progress of a Carbon Reduction Plan for Full Council to consider. The amount of staff and councillor time to create the Carbon Reduction Plan or take part in the training is at present unknown.

To note: A Carbon Reduction Audit is required if applying for a grant under the East Devon Carbon Action Fund. Until the Plan is in place, the feasibility of applying for a grant within the timescale is unknown.

The Carbon Reduction Audit will inform BSTC on best steps to, on its journey to making the Public Hall carbon neutral and what preparatory work needs to be completed to apply for any grants.

3. To work with the Public Hall Committee on any proposals and applications for funding grants to be considered by Full Council.
4. To ask the Town Clerk and Finance Committee to explore shifting the Public Hall on to green energy tariffs.

To look at reducing carbon emissions by traffic within the town, including the flow of traffic and car parking.



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5. BSTC is asked to view Budleigh and Raleigh Carbon Footprint Report for residents within the ward. This shows the town has a higher amount of emissions related to travel than the average in East Devon or the Country as a whole, most of which is on private transport. In the other categories in the report, the town is considerably lower.
6. The Climate Change and Environment Committee will work with the Traffic and Transport Group to advocate for reducing private car travel. The Traffic and Transport group is asked to include in its Terms of Reference the following Community Action Targets in the Neighbourhood Plan:
 - CA TT1 – development of footpaths
 - CA TT2 – pedestrian safety
 - CA TT3 - traffic flow throughout the town
 - CA TT4 – parking
 - CATT8 – bus routes
 - CATT9 – provision of cycle routes

Encourage biodiversity in the town, by participating in East Devon District Trees Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy (THAWS) initiative to increase tree canopy cover by 2035. Also by improving biodiversity and ensure equitable access to green space for all residents.

7. The Council supports the work of Budleigh Salterton Tree Wardens in participating in THaWS. In doing so, the initiative contributes to addressing the following Community Action Targets in the Neighbourhood Plan:
 - NE2 – protection of green spaces
 - NE3 – conservation of biodiversity
 - NE5 – limiting development within the coastal preservation area
 - NE6 – protection of the railway amenity wildlife corridor
 - NE7 – protection of green wedges

There is also a role for the Town Council in enabling guidance and support of individuals and organisations in the reduction of their carbon footprint and stewardship of the natural environment of the town and surrounding area.

8. The Climate Change and Environment Committee will support the creation of a local network to share best practices in sustainability.
9. Community Climate Event. BSTC will consider supporting the network to convene an event for the community to look at various ways individuals and organisations can respond to the consequence of climate change. The amount and nature of BSTC support that might be required cannot yet be determined at this stage.