



Warminster Town Council – Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainability

“Our vision for Warminster is to understand, and progressively reduce our environmental footprint”

Climate change, resilience, and sustainability are of high corporate and social value. We recognise the impact that our day to day activities and policies have on the environment, as well as the importance of managing resources. Through our **Climate Change Strategy**, we will align with Government initiatives and targets, and we will strive to reduce our resource consumption as a Town Council, and promote sustainable practices throughout our organisation, with the Area Board, partners, suppliers, volunteer groups, and with Wiltshire Council as a whole.

Our responsibility Corporate responsibility for this policy rests with the full Council and all employees. We expect Council, Committees, and Working Groups to consider sustainability, environment and climate change in strategic and day-to-day decisions. The responsibility for policy implementation rests with the Town Council who will be advised by the Climate Change Working Group

Our commitment

We are committed to enhancing the sustainability in our practices to safeguard Warminster and the surrounding area’s natural and built environments, securing the local economy, We will commit to protecting the environment through demonstrable and continuous improvement of our environmental performance, and full compliance with all relevant legal

requirements. We will promote climate governance throughout the organisation and services, whilst encouraging and monitoring responsible environmental performance by our staff, suppliers, volunteer groups, and contractors.

In order to achieve, or work towards the achievement of these goals we commit to :

- Strive to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030
- Reduce energy usage and switch to renewable energy supplies
- Support low carbon building and planning policies
- Support low carbon transport and traffic policies
- Support tree planting, biodiversity and greenspaces: carbon reduction, offsetting, and balancing
- Support measures to avoid waste
- Lead by example and demonstrate community leadership

Our **Climate Change Strategy** outlines how we will address the issues outlined in this Declaration

Signed,

Warminster Town Council