

Warminster Town Council Climate Strategy Action Plan 2024 to 2029

Priority Key: ● One to two years ● Three to five years ● Potential

CPWG - Cycle Path Working Group

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	Project	Task(s)	Partnership Working	Evidence of progress
TRANSPORT				
	Instigate the enhancement and development of the cycle path network.	Extend & improve cycle path infrastructure and connectivity.	CPWG. NPSG.	Increased number of cycle paths and signage plus existing ones well maintained.
		Explore opportunities for new permissive cycle routes.	CPWG. WC.	
		Develop and promote cycle path maps.	CPWG. Warminster Community Hub.	
		Improve cycle path signage.	CPWG. WC.	
	Create covered secure cycle parking.	Investigate options for locations and funding.	CPWG. WC. Trans Wilts Partnership.	Submission of covered secure cycle parking proposal to council.
	Instigate the enhancement and development of footpaths & public rights of way (PROW).	Improve and maintain footpaths and PROW.	PROW Volunteers.	Increased number of footpaths with better signage and well maintained.
		Investigate the extension of footpaths and PROW.	WC. Area Board/ LHFIG.	
		Improve footpath path signage.	WC. Area Board/ LHFIG	

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	Encourage a shift towards electric vehicles by increasing the number of public electric vehicle charging points (EVCP).	Work with WC and other providers on audit of possible locations.	WC. Charging Point Providers.	Increase in number Wiltshire Council EVCPs (currently one rapid charging point in Central Car Park).
		Direct the public to Wiltshire Council EVCPs.		
		Apply for grant funding.		
	Encourage the use of public transport with the aim of reducing Warminster's carbon footprint.	Promote public car sharing/ green commuting/public transport.		Evidence of social media/website/press coverage.
		Consider option of WTC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sponsoring minibus service. • introducing Dial a Ride scheme. 	Parish Councils. Community Volunteers.	Feasibility report to be produced.
	Encourage walking and cycling to work, shops and for leisure – to reduce issues with parking, traffic congestion and poor air quality.	Promote foot and cycle paths.	Warminster Community Hub. Warminster Walkers.	Evidence of social media/ website/press coverage.
		Promote the Cycle to Work Scheme.		
		Support and promote local walking groups and routes.	Warminster Community Hub. Warminster Walkers. Visit Wiltshire and other tourism organisations	
		Promote footpath maps.	Warminster Community Hub.	

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			Warminster Walkers.	
		Provide more information about greener transport opportunities; website to include co-ordinated public transport options from/to Warminster with links to different options, timetables etc.		
		Encourage community car-pooling and car-sharing.		
		Produce safe route maps, including information about CCTV coverage.	Warminster Community Hub. Warminster Walkers.	
	Encourage walking and cycling to schools – to reduce issues with parking, traffic congestion and poor air quality.	Promote – footpaths, pedestrian safety, and cycle routes.	WC and local schools.	Evidence of social media/ website/press coverage.
	Working from home options for council staff to reduce miles travelled.	Implement, where appropriate, increased working from home for staff.		Increase in number of days working from home per year.
	Improve broadband connectivity.	Support and promote schemes to upgrade aerials & improve broadband connectivity.		Applications for improved connectivity to be supported by WTC.
	Encourage 'Shop Local'.	Promote 'Shop Local'.	Warminster Business Network.	Retailer feedback.

HOMES AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

	Environmental & climate sensitive factors to be considered as part of Neighbourhood/ Local plan review.	All aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan to take environmental and climate issues into consideration.	NPSG.	Finalised documents.
	Maximum green/environmental protection to be insisted upon in planning applications.	Monitoring of submitted planning applications to ensure compliance. Include a presumption in favour of renewable planning applications.	WC.	Positive impact on planning applications

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	Design codes for new housing and developments to take environmental issues into consideration.	Ensure future developments include space for bike storage, EVCPs, bat and bird bricks, and solar panels.	NPSG.	Impact on new development.
	Planning applications to be judged against the policies set out in Warminster's Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide, and to include a completed Development Checklist.	All aspects of Warminster's Neighbourhood Plan to be considered when planning applications are being reviewed and commented upon.	NPSG. WC.	Positive impact on planning applications.
	Promote future-proof of all newbuild homes re energy use and generation, insulation, and grey water/run-off water collection/re-use in pre-applications and applications from developers.	Monitoring of planning decisions to measure progress.	WC.	Positive impact on planning applications.
	Help residents to understand retrofitting of homes.	Promote grants and funds available.	WC	Evidence of social media/ website/press coverage.

ENERGY

	Green energy usage.	Promote the benefits of switching to green energy tariffs to residents and businesses, and provide information on green energy providers, while also encouraging energy reduction.		Evidence of social media/ website/press coverage.
	Advice on improving home energy efficiency.	Work with providers.	Home energy providers.	Uptake figures.
	Invest in solar panels on council owned/ controlled properties.	Create proposals and seek funding opportunities.		Installation of solar panels.
	Electric tools.	Continue switch of council tools to electric where appropriate		Increase in number of electric tools used.
	Renewable electricity generation.	If the opportunity arises, increase renewable electricity generation (and associated technologies such as storage) within Wiltshire by working in partnership with others, including community energy groups.	Community energy groups and relevant businesses.	Evidence of social media/ website/press coverage.

RESOURCES AND WASTE

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	'Green events'.	Promote community engagement with 'green events'. Example events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero Waste Week. • Cycle to Work Day. • Meat free Mondays. 		Increase in sign-up to events.
				Evidence of social media/ website/press coverage.
	Highlight environmental initiatives to the local community.	Organise an annual event to promote environmental activities to the public.		One event per year held.
	Sharing of equipment and ideas between councils.	Work with other town and parish councils to share equipment	Town and parish councils.	Record of initiatives undertaken.
	Become a paper reduction council.	Reduce paper usage on an ongoing basis.		Reduction in paper purchases.
	Encourage recycling in council spaces.	Posts on social media		Drop in non-recycled waste
	Keep the use of single use plastics to a minimum.	Promote alternatives		Reduction in plastic purchases.
	Facilitate not-for-profit community groups with environmental initiatives.	Engage with interested parties on developing projects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair shop. • Community fridge/larder scheme. • Allotment/garden surplus scheme. • Second hand clothes scheme. • Clothes swap and change event. 	Warminster Business Network. Warminster Community Workshop. Warminster Action Group. Food Bank. Allotment Association.	Delivery of projects.
	Encourage businesses to recycle, reduce, and reuse.	Explore options including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce single use plastic. • introduce cross-over schemes between shops, residents, and town council such as recycling cardboard, or coffee grounds within a community compost scheme. 	Warminster Business Network.	Delivery of schemes.
	Support schools to develop their own green initiatives.	Survey schools to collate information regarding the current green initiatives they are involved in.	WC and schools.	Closer partner working between WTC and schools.

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		Disseminate survey findings to schools to support sharing of best practice.		
GREEN ECONOMY				
	Support local groups and businesses with their green agendas.	Highlight direct opportunities for grant funding for community groups/businesses to apply for in support of their green agendas.		Applications and grants target - three per annum.
		Continue with and promote annual Green Civic Award & Environmental Award		Awards made and achievements promoted.
		Provide information or signpost groups/businesses to other advice-giving organisations.		Evidence of social media/website/press coverage.
	Encourage public to shop local and increase 'town centre' footfall.	Raise awareness of the community benefits to local businesses and residents of increased levels of local shopping.	Regeneration Working Group.	Allocation of Wiltshire Towns' Programme grant.
		Explore options for holding a street market.		Retailer feedback
	Support businesses in reducing their carbon footprint.	Encourage businesses to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stock more locally produced goods. • Promote Wiltshire Towns Programme – Wiltshire Marque to local producers and makers (launch spring 2024). • Promote Wiltshire Towns' Programme business support grants (launching winter 2023). 	Warminster Business Network. WC.	Allocation of grant funding.
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT				
	Biodiversity.	Encourage increased biodiversity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend planting schemes – insect friendly, drought resistance. • Mowing programme – wildflower areas. • Identify areas for public green space enhancement. • Closed cemetery maintenance 		Report of actions taken

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	Address light pollution.	Implement schemes to minimise the impact of lighting and ensure minimum use of electricity around environmentally sensitive areas such as the Smallbrook Nature Reserve.	NPSG.	Evidence that light pollution is considered when planning applications are reviewed.
		Ensure all new planning applications comply with dark skies policy.	PAC.	
	Community gardening and public green enhancements.	Promote use of Warminster allotments and other public growing areas.	Allotment Association.	Increase in enquiries and usage of allotments/public growing areas.
		Identify potential sites to be used as allotments.	Incredible Edible.	
	Tree, shrub, and hedgerow planting.	Seek and promote opportunities to increase planting.		Report of actions taken
	Continue to use Peat free compost.	Use peat free compost in all council planting.		Ongoing.
	Support Wiltshire Council and national schemes designed to directly mitigate climate change.	Promote unitary and national initiatives e.g., grants to businesses.	WC.	Report of actions taken.

CARBON NEUTRAL COUNCIL

	Reduce waste generated by all council buildings/activities.	Identify opportunities to reduce waste across all council operations.		List of initiatives put forward by WTC staff for consideration.
	Recycling.	Increase recycling across all council operations.		Reduce waste generation
	Investigate increasing the installation of renewable energy sources on council buildings.	Create proposals and seek funding opportunities.		
		Consider all options – solar, hydro, and wind.		
	Continue LED lighting.	Install LED lighting in all council owned or maintained properties.		Action.
	Improve carbon literacy.	Train staff and councillors.		Training programme delivered.
	Carbon offsetting.	Implement options for WTC - tree planting, renewable energy sources.		Action.
	Adopt a “think carbon reduction attitude”.	Training		New Initiatives

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	Review procurement policy to put greater emphasis on carbon footprint and ecological concerns	Review of procurement policy		Implementation of review
	Keep staff informed about technical innovations e.g. improvements to battery technology	Staying informed of progress		Take up of new technology
	Take energy efficiency ratings into account when purchasing new equipment	Review energy ratings of existing equipment		Improvement from baseline
	Reduce paper use where reasonable	Review use of paper		Purchase of less paper
	Take online footprint from servers into account when storing information online	Review of online storage		Reduction in server usage
	Share information on steps and actions taken	Liaison and publicity		Take up of actions by others

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