TOTTON AND ELING TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 02.10.26

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Create a Task & Finish Group to establish a green agenda that includes developing a resilience policy.	Task & Finish Group formulated in November 2022. Holding bi-monthly meetings.	Continue with bi-monthly meetings.	Climate change Action plan was approved by Full Council on 31.01.24. Meetings are held in regularly , next meeting scheduled for October 2026.
Develop and promote green transport plans.	Meetings held with Hampshire County Council. Proposals for improved green infrastructure in the Town awaited.	Liaise with Hampshire County Council and progress feasibility studies for more cycling and walking options in the Town.	Electric vehicle charging points were planned for the Town Council's facilities for public use, subject to receiving relevant funding. Unfortunately, funding was not awarded. Looking at alternative funding. Points with solar charging options now being looked at for funding from green monies. Town regeneration partnership with District and County Councils meetings have taken place, with some positive proposals. Projects are subject to funding from the Freeport. Working towards the formulation of a Town Centre Framework masterplan and investment plan. A contractor has been appointed, and a draft plan is being formulated, which will include improved cycling and walking. Lockable cycle units are being considered for the Town.

			Developing a Town Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan. Draft Masterplan is due to go for public exhibition in January 2026. Feedback will be fed into the plan and draft masterplan to go to cabinet for approval in November 2026.
Ensure that all Council buildings are as energy-efficient as possible and that energy is not wasted through unnecessary heating and lighting.	All staff instructed to be aware of energy wastage. Diligence used in day-to-day operations.	Continuance of energy efficiency education. Monitoring of use.	Ensuring contractors do not use peat based products. Further green incentives being investigated. Thermal imaging survey is scheduled for implementation in all Council buildings in the first quarter of 2025, for energy reduction identification. Actions have now commenced at Council facilities on recommendations from the thermal imaging survey, including replacement of fire doors thus also addressing fire safety regulation. Evaluations of repairs/refurbishment requirements have now been implemented at all salient buildings. Any further energy saving measures will be addressed and actions formulated**. Budgets to address the recent evaluations on all Council salient buildings have**

			been considered; work schedules are being formulated to address all maintenance, compliance and health & safety issues on buildings for completion, over 1 year, 3 year, 5 year and 10 year periods. These evaluations have incorporated energy equipment provision. On-going.
Use green energy sources and environmentally friendly products.	Instruct the use of greener cleaning products.	Move towards using environmentally friendly products in all Council buildings.	Installation of rain water recycling tanks at allotments sites. Rain water storage tanks have been installed at all four allotment sites within the Town. These aid to enable sustainable water management and lower carbon footprint. These have been installed, where possible, next to buildings to enable the rain water running from the roofs to also be utilised. Allotment holders are able to use the recycled water for their produce, and the Council are subsequently able to save on mains water usage and thus cost to the community. On-going review of useage.
Plan for green community in a neighbourhood plan, including increased tree planting, renewable energy, reduced carbon omission housing development and safe walking/cycling routes.	Climate emergency motion approved in September 2023. Council already uses renewable energy. Has purchased electric vehicles.	Investigate any further carbon reduction areas. Continue with green transport plan, as above.	Electric Council vans purchased, replacing diesel vehicles. Improved cycling and walking in the Town incorporated in Neighbourhood plan, 5 year strategy and regeneration plan.

			Successful bid to expand the Community Orchard at Bartley Park funded through HCC scheme was confirmed in February 2024. This will provide stabilisation for a bank area, and wildlife corridor. Planting is completed. Additionally disease resistant Elm trees have been planted across the Town and the planned planting of Hornbeams trees at Eling Quayside have been temporarily postponed pending a meeting with AB Ports in relation to that area. In total 766 trees were introduced in the last planting season, via community planting supported by volunteer groups. Box tree moth issues are being addressed, and have been replaced with Green Spire plants. Neighbourhood plan draft is imminent for completion and submission. A further 21 trees have now be planted at Eling Quay, and other areas in the Town. Increase in planting budget has been approved to further enhance the area, and replanting opportunities for AFC area are being explored.

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Limit the use of plastics, especially single-use plastics in the Council.	Reduction on use of single use plastics.	Identify further reduction of single use plastics.	On-going.
Reduce waste and recycle as much as possible.	Recycling restrictions in place. Incineration at New Forest District Council does produce energy.	Liaison through District with regard to recycling options available for both the Council and businesses.	Liaise with District Council for better recycling options for businesses. Introduction of wheelie bins could alleviate rubbish polution in the Town. On-going.
Protect important open spaces and carbon sinks and consider a community orchard and/or wildflower meadow and/or allotments.	Orchard planted 2022. Wilding programme has been approved. Rat resistant compost bins being investigated.	Progress wilding programme and promote nature travel from residents' gardens.	Increased tree planting being planned via various schemes. See above. Wilding feasibility studies are on-going to identify further potential wilding sites. LED light installation for rockery area, funded by green monies, has been investigated and has now been installed. On-going.
Actively support small and large planning applications for new renewable energy in the area.	Renewable energy factor considered in all planning applications.	Continue with renewable energy consideration in planning applications.	Environmental and green energy usage are considered for all new applications, and made a stipulation of recommendations for approval wherever applicable. On-going.
Promote practical action by local people and businesses.	Business Forum has been formulated. Meeting held in May 2024, but unfortunately poorly attended.	Promote carbon reduction within businesses, educate recycling practice.	Liaise with District Council for better recycling options for businesses. As above. Flooding information and residential/business carbon footprint reduction suggestions are on the Town Council

			website. Funding is now secure for the installation of rain fed storage systems at each of the allotment sites. These systems consist of tanks, on stands, which will recycle water via collection of rainfall and from the rain draining from the toilet block roofs and used by allotment holders to water their produce. Implementation of the tanks installation is imminent.

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Reduce pesticide use and other harmful activities.	Limited use of pesticides. Essential use only. Opaque compost used.	Further reduction of pesticides where possible.	Pesticides are only used when addressing evasive species that require specific targeting. Any pesticides used are hazard free and our climate web page has ideas for the promotion of wildlife and carbon reduction in residential areas.
Ensure all strategic approaches and decisions are in line with the Council's above objectives.	Strategy and Vision Policy, core values and mission statement being formulated to incorporate objectives.	Ensure all procedures/products fall within Council's Strategy and Vision policy.	Town Council's 5 year strategic plan incorporates climate change objectives. Regular Climate & Nature change meetings support these objectives. Annual carbon footprint reports are obtained for monitoring and the latest for 2025 shows the Town is below the UK average with regard to

			emissions and targets. Awaiting availability of 2026 report. 2026 report remains as of 2025 with no increase in data.
Formulation of flood plan for Totton and Eling Town Council.	Gaining resident's, Environmental agency and local authority feedback for input into flood plan formulation. Plan now formulated.	Flood plan sent to New Forest District Council to ensure connection with their plan.	Working towards draft plan. Emergency flood information packs distributed to affected areas in Eling. Eling residents flood group being formulated to access funding avenues to take place with regard to the possibility of providing flood defence equipment to affected Eling residents. Draft flood plan being presented to Climate & Nature Change group meeting in August 2024. Flood plan now approved by Council and is on our website. Officers attended a Town and Parish 'Climate Comeback' webinar. Various grant revenue streams are being investigated as result of that course for both flood resilience support and community project aid. On-going.
Formulation of a Heat Plan for Totton & Eling Town Council	Works are to commence on the formulation of a Town council 'Heat Plan'.	Once a suitable plan has been completed, it will be presented to Council for approval.	Heat guidelines are now on the Town Council web site for resident information. Further heat advice is being collated.