

## CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Climate change is having a significant impact on the world's natural resources. It affects rainfall patterns and temperature which can result in floods and droughts.

Climate change has been associated with rising seawater and an increase in disasters which has led to the loss of many homes and lives globally in recent years. If we are to preserve our limited resources and maintain sustainability we each need to be more aware of our use of energy and try to reduce waste where possible.

In pursuance of the **Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006** every local authority must, in exercising any of their functions, have regard to the most recently published energy measures report (if any). This means that the Town Council has a duty to do all that it can to help maintain and improve the environmental well-being of the Council's area.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Much Wenlock supports the reduction of flood risk in 'Objective 3', and addresses sustainability and climate change in 'Objective 9'. These objectives are fully supported by the Town Council.

To this end, this policy has been developed to promote and encourage a move towards a low-carbon economy and the reduction of waste within the local community.

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Energy savings at the Corn Exchange	Inform users of the building how energy consumption can be reduced.  Raise awareness by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Displaying advisory posters</li> <li>● Providing relative information in the form of leaflets, booklets etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Switch off lights</li> <li>● Use energy efficient light bulbs</li> <li>● Do not leave taps running</li> <li>● Keep windows and doors closed in winter to help reduce heat loss</li> <li>● Only boil sufficient water in kettles for the amount of drinks required</li> <li>● Turn down thermostats</li> <li>● Introduce energy monitors</li> </ul>	Monitor utility bills and use the most cost efficient energy suppliers.
Energy savings at the Guildhall (and Buttermarket)	Inform users of the building how energy consumption can be reduced.  Raise awareness by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Displaying advisory posters</li> <li>● Providing relative information in the form of leaflets, booklets etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Switch off lights</li> <li>● Use energy efficient light bulbs</li> <li>● Do not leave taps running</li> <li>● Keep windows and doors closed in winter to help reduce heat loss</li> <li>● Only boil sufficient water in kettles for the amount of drinks required</li> <li>● Turn down thermostats</li> <li>● Introduce energy monitors</li> </ul>	Monitor utility bills and use the most cost efficient energy suppliers.
Travel	Use alternate means of travel to reduce car journeys where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Only make necessary journeys</li> <li>● Use public transport where possible</li> <li>● Walk/cycle where possible</li> <li>● Car share where possible</li> <li>● Lobby Shropshire Council to provide better public transport</li> </ul>	Monitor travel.

The above actions are primarily applicable to the Town Council.

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The following actions apply to the wider community.

ACTIVITY	ACTION	METHODOLOGY	EVALUATION
Promote energy efficiency within the community	Raise awareness through parish newsletters, website and notice boards.  Seek advice from agencies such as Marches Energy Agency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encourage the community to take action</li> <li>● Assist with community projects</li> <li>● Work with partners</li> <li>● Publicise the availability of grants to assist with energy efficiency projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monitor energy savings.</li> <li>● Carry out energy audit.</li> </ul>
	Follow the objectives within the Neighbourhood Plan for Much Wenlock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encourage moves towards a low-carbon economy</li> <li>● Promote high standards of energy conservation and the use of renewable energy</li> <li>● Support small scale proposals for hydro-electricity, solar energy, anaerobic digestion, biomass and wood fuel products where appropriate</li> <li>● Support local produce through maintaining Much Wenlock Farmers' Market</li> </ul>	Keep in touch with the local community through consultation.

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Flood management	Minimise flood risk by following the objectives within the Neighbourhood Plan or Much Wenlock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Note the implementation of the Much Wenlock Integrated Urban Drainage Management Plan</li> <li>● Support the slowing down of surface water flow</li> <li>● Support the protection and improvement of water quality</li> </ul>	Work with partners and the local community to ensure that the strategies outlined within the Much Wenlock Integrated Urban Drainage Management Plan are actioned.
Recycling	Reduce waste by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● recycling waste paper*</li> <li>● recycling used ink cartridges*</li> <li>● recycling plastic*</li> <li>● recycling metal</li> <li>● recycling used batteries*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reduce the use of paper by storing data electronically, communicate by email, double sided printing*</li> <li>● Use re-chargeable batteries*</li> <li>● Re-use where possible</li> <li>● Repair where possible</li> <li>● Re-cycle where possible</li> </ul>	Monitor Shropshire Council's recycling targets.  *These actions are implemented by the Town Council.