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REPORT TO CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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Subject	Local Climate Engagement (LCE) Programme training

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform / update Members on the Local Climate Engagement Programme training.

BACKGROUND

2. The Local Climate Engagement (LCE) programme provides training for local authorities and partnerships to plan, commission and deliver high quality public engagement in their climate decision-making, in a way that benefits both them and their local community.
3. Todmorden Town Council's Climate Officer and Hebden Royd Town Council's Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Co-ordinator put forward a joint application to secure this training opportunity, which proved to be a success.
4. Since then, training sessions have been arranged and discussions have commenced on what joint climate engagement project between the two neighbouring councils could follow on from this training.

FINANCIAL

5. Staffing time for the Climate Officer, Town Clerk and other select Officer has been allocated for the purposes of receiving the training, which will take place over six sessions this summer.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That Members note the progression of this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended for Members to consider this:

a) as a way of ensuring agreement that the project reflects many of the priority points on the Climate Emergency Action Plan

b) To ensure that the points on the Climate Emergency Pledge are achievable for residents

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

8. To consider this project in relation to our town council's climate emergency policy.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

9. N/A

CLIMATE CHANGE:

10. The aim of the training is to ensure that effective engagement between the local councils and their respective communities is made possible through a strategy-led approach to getting residents involved climate change discussions that lead to climate-related decision-making.

11. The more residents who are effectively engaged in this, the higher the probability of reaching regional net-zero targets. It will also cultivate a community-based approach to delivering the most appropriate climate-related action points.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

12. The purpose for the training and possible subsequent project is to cultivate effective public engagement by ensuring that the aspirations, preferences and needs of the local community are considered when negotiating climate decision-making.

13. This further enables local authorities to reach out to a wider audience and beyond those voices they most often or more likely to hear from.

14. This ensures that the voices of those most hit by the devastating effects of climate change are heard, and that any existing barriers are overcome.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

None

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