



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT	Climate Emergency Committee update

PURPOSE:

1. To advise Members that the Committee has met on the 9th October 2019 and the 30th October in its formal capacity and as an informal ideas generation session on the 28th October 2019.
2. To advise Members that the Terms of Reference have been revisited and confirmed as relevant for the intended work of this Committee but may be reviewed when further considering the role and numbers required in respect of co-opted members.
3. To inform Members that an initial budget of £2,500 has been allocated for the remainder of this financial year.
4. To inform Members that it is the intention to hold formal quarterly committee meetings and ahead of these, quarterly working group meetings, both supported by Clerking arrangements. Informal ad hoc meetings to brainstorm/ initiate new ideas will not need to be Clerked.
5. To inform Members that the Committee has at this initial stage unanimously identified areas of interest to take forward (Appendix 1) and their proposed way of working (Appendix 2) which will be kept under review as the work programme develops.
6. To invite all Councillors who are not members of the Climate Emergency Committee to actively contribute to the work of this Committee and to feed any ideas/suggestion via the Clerking process so that this is not missed and can then be formally considered.

BACKGROUND:

7. The Climate Emergency Committee was established at Full Council on 4th July 2019 and mandated to report back to Full Council on the 6th November 2019.
8. Given the vast remit covered by the Climate Emergency Committee, the Committee have focused on trying to scope the areas of activity that will be most effective to concentrate on

and have developed three themes, each with specific area of interest to consider as detailed in Appendix 1.

- a. Raising Awareness and Communication.
 - b. Addressing effects of climate change.
 - c. Addressing climate change.
9. Arising out of these themes will develop a set of priorities, and in turn a series of action plans to provide a task and finish structure for individual members or groups of Members to take away to work on. Progress will be reported at either the Working Group meeting or Committee itself.
 10. As each themes is developed, consideration will be given to co-opting non Town Councillors on to this Committee. This may be for a specific area of interest and therefore not of a permanent nature, or where a level of expertise is identified that will benefit the Committee overall, a permanent co-opted Member of this committee.
 11. Members are very much aware of the need to involve as one of these co-opted Members the younger generation. Further thought will be given to how this can be developed as the group seeks to engage with schools.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. In order for the Committee to be able to move forward an initial budget of £2,500 has been established.
13. The nature of the themes and areas of interest being taken forward are unlikely to be effectively delivered without financial resource being attached to this committee and therefore there will be a need to consider this in terms of budget planning for 2020/21.

RECOMMENDATION

14. That Members note the progress made already by the Climate Emergency Committee and recognise the need that both administrative and financial resource will be required to enable the Committee to take forward their ambitious programme of work.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

15. Full Council mandated that a report be brought back to this meeting updating progress on this key matter.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

16. Todmorden Town Council made a clear policy statement of support for dealing with Climate Emergency, by creating a specific Climate Emergency Committee to enable and facilitate local level intervention in a meaningful and effective manner.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

17. Future work as it develops will help determine how Todmorden Town Council can contribute its part into the wider picture.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

18. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- Appendix 1 – Areas of interest
- Appendix 2 – Ways of working

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