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REPORT TO CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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Subject	School Participation in Pledge

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform Members on the progress and development of the Climate Emergency Pledge and the participation/ Engagement of Local Schools.

BACKGROUND

2. Todmorden Town Council has over the last few months released copies of its Climate Pledge and action plan and as part of the project are connecting with local schools to help in promoting and implementation of the project.
3. The main elements of this to promote the pledge and promote the information available.
4. While engaging with the Schools at a cluster meeting on the 19th May 2022 (Kindly attended by Cllr M Carrigan) it became clear that although they support the pledge and action plan the literature that the Council have designed/ produced is not child friendly and some consideration needs to be given on an adapted version for young people or those with difficulty reading.

FINANCIAL

5. More pledge leaflets may need to be printed to ensure there are enough available for events/distribution, and for any necessary changes/updates to the documents.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That Members agree that a second pledge/action plan be produced for those with reading difficulties and younger people.
7. The Members agree that the Climate Officer work with the Town Clerk on this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

8. That the documents provided to inform the public of the Climate Emergency Plan needs to be assessible to all.
9. The Town Clerk has considerable knowledge when it comes to documents being accessable to young people and those who have reading difficulties

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

10. Promoting the Climate Emergency Plan

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

11. Cluster group of Local Schools

CLIMATE CHANGE:

12. One of the biggest factors in climate mitigation is influencing and changing behaviour and choices, with the pledge being a guide but it needs to be accessible to all.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

13. The pledge is for everyone who wishes to play their part in mitigating climate change. There is, however, the need for ensuring inclusivity and accessibility of this pledge.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

None

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Rachael Crane, Climate Officer