

Notes for Climate Emergency Committee (Informal Meeting Prior to 9 October 2019 CEC Meeting

Council's role should be to:

enable/facilitate/encourage local action to address climate emergency
inform people of good practice elsewhere
take the lead in bringing people together to work on common problems

Potential areas for action:

improving the energy efficiency of buildings (domestic or workplace) e.g. using the proven experience of the Centre for Alternative Technology:
providing alternatives to private car use such as improved public transport and the creation of an electric car club:
introducing local policies and incentives to increase cycling and walking.

Action to address local climate issues:

Flooding: co-ordinate and encourage a significant increase in tree planting on the hillsides and moorland above Todmorden

Heat waves: reduce the impact of high temperatures by encouraging more tree-planting in open spaces within the town and green growth in narrow streets

Council to:

monitor what other Town Councils are doing about climate issues
have regard to Calderdale's policies to address climate emergency
show a good example in the Council's own actions such as materials used to repair Council property: food miles in catering supplies for Council events: products used to clean Council buildings and care for Council's parkland and open spaces.