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## Report To Climate Committee

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<b>Subject</b>	Climate Fresk Training for TTC Councillors

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To recommend running two 3.5 hour training sessions (one on a weekend and one on a weekday evening) to ensure Todmorden Town Councillors are fully up to speed with the climate crisis and how it is likely to impact on Todmorden residents.

### BACKGROUND

2. The climate crisis will affect the poorest people most. As the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere increases, heat from the sun is trapped and the earth's temperature rises. Small changes in global temperatures can have catastrophic results – in our weather systems, sea levels and biodiversity. Global scientists agree that what this means practically is an increase in unstable and extreme weather events.

### FINANCIAL

3. Early quotes from local facilitators indicate a cost of around £350 per training workshop plus the cost of room hire. Venues cost in the region of £50-£100 for half a day. Note that Climate Fresk delivered to the private sector costs around £1500 per workshop.

### RECOMMENDATION

4. Clerk delegated to organise for two evening / half day training sessions using the Climate Fresk approach to ensure Todmorden Town Councillors are fully up to speed with the climate crisis within a budget of £1000.
5. If there are spare places, some could be offered to Todmorden Town Council Officers, Councillors and officers from neighbouring Town or Parish Councils.
6. The proposed training is called 'Climate Fresk' and is three and a half hours long. Internationally recognised Climate Fresk is a fast and effective way to understand the latest climate science and its impact on humanity. Ideally one training 'cohort' is around 8 people. There are experienced accredited Climate Fresk Trainers in West Yorkshire

7. Aim to deliver the training in February 2024. Clerk delegated to identify dates and venue.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 8. Over the coming years, people in Todmorden are likely to be affected. There is now a higher probability of extreme weather events; storms and flooding; heatwaves; food shortages and rises in food prices; unstable energy prices; and pressure from migration.
- 9. Therefore, it is important that Town Councillors and Officers are well informed about the climate crisis and how it might affect people in Todmorden.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

10. None.

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:**

11. Fresk Training providers

**CLIMATE CHANGE:**

12. Supportive of Todmorden’s Climate Emergency Action Plan.

**IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT**

13. Hold one workshop in the evening and one in the daytime to ensure those with caring responsibilities and /or work are enabled to attend.

**SUPPORTING PAPERS:**

N/A

**FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:** Cllr May Molteno