

Item 15 Summary and Recommendation from the Climate Emergency Committee to Full Council

The Climate Emergency Committee wishes to record its wholehearted support for the work of Todmorden Community Energy (TCE) and recognises the significant contribution their proposed solar installation at Todmorden Hippodrome will make towards the town's carbon-reduction objectives.

The Committee notes that it has delegated authority to award grants for climate-related projects up to £1,250, and under this authority has approved a grant of £1,250 to support the project.

In addition, the Committee recommends that Full Council approve a further £1,250, bringing the total proposed contribution from the Climate Grants Budget to £2,500.

This additional funding is recommended subject to the following conditions:

1. Evidence is provided to Council officers confirming successful receipt of the other external grant funding.
2. Confirmation that any remaining project shortfall has been met.
3. A formal agreement between Todmorden Community Energy and Todmorden Hippodrome is completed, clearly setting out permissions for the installation of the solar panels and detailing responsibilities for ongoing maintenance and any associated obligations.

The Committee believes that, with these safeguards in place, the project represents excellent value for money and delivers direct climate-positive outcomes for the community.