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CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY WORKING PARTY

Purpose: The purpose of the Working Party is to ensure that Exmouth Town Council responds appropriately to the climate and ecological emergency and plays its part in working towards a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and other environmental threats.

Partners: Transition Exmouth and any other local climate groups that the Working Party deems appropriate.

Membership: Minimum seven members

Quorum: Three members

Power: Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

Delegated Authority: No

1. Terms

1.1. The Council's Standing Orders apply to all meetings of the Working Party.

1.2. The Working Party shall be appointed on an annual basis at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

1.3. The first order of business of the first meeting after its annual appointment will be to elect a Chairman.

1.4. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council shall be Ex-officio, non-voting members of the Working Party.

1.5. External Partners shall be non-voting members of the Working Party.

1.6. The Working Party will meet bi-monthly.

1.7. Meetings shall not be open to the public.

1.8. Members of the Working Party will receive an agenda and supporting papers in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

1.9. Meeting notes will be published in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

1.10. Members of the Working Party must be familiar with Exmouth's Town Council's current Climate Plan. The Climate Plan should be referenced as part of any decision-making process.

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Recommend steps to reduce the environmental impact of Exmouth Town Council's activities and infrastructure.

2.2. Work with existing Town Council Working Groups and Committees to ensure that recommendations are cognisant of any associated climate and environmental impact and that mitigation, reduction or removal is considered in all decisions and ongoing operations.

2.3. Collaborate with Transition Exmouth and other local climate groups to promote the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and other environmental threats with a focus on environmental, economic and social benefits.

2.4. Communicate to people and organisations throughout Exmouth that the Town Council and community together need to respond to the climate emergency.

2.5. Provide supporting information to parishioners and businesses to enable individual and group action.

2.6. Work with higher tier local authorities and DALC to deliver this plan through all relevant means.

2.7. Act as a voice for the community in discussions around setting of appropriate targets for carbon reduction both locally and nationally in policy.

2.8. Influence external stakeholders locally and nationally to incorporate sustainability into economic and strategic frameworks, strategies, plans and service operations.

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