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### **Environment Committee**

**Core Membership:** Cllr S. Cockerell (chairman), Cllr C. Aldridge, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr P. May, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Notice is given of a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at the **Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis** on Wednesday 22 January 2025 commencing at 7pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:

John Wright  
Town Clerk  
17.01.25

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*If members of the public make a representation to the meeting, they will be deemed to have consented to being audio recorded.*

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Members are reminded that in reaching decisions they should take into consideration the town council's decision to declare a climate emergency and ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and beyond.

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Election of Vice-Chairman**

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its vice-chairman and for the remainder of council year 2024/25

#### **2. Public Forum**

Twenty minutes will be made available for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda

*Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each to address the committee*

**3. Apologies**

To receive and record apologies and reasons for absence

**4. Minutes**

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 20 November 2024

**5. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded that if they have a disclosable pecuniary interest on their register of interests relating to any item on the agenda they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting and to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly if you are or become aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting and register it within 28 days.

**6. Dispensations**

To note the grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

**7. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 November 2024**

To update members on matters arising from the previous meeting that are not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda and to allow members to seek further information on issues raised within the minutes of the previous meeting.

**8. Update Report**

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

**9. Climate and Nature Survey, Dorset Town and Parish Councils**

To allow members to respond to a request from Dorset Council to respond to the Town and Parish Council – Climate and Nature Survey

**10. New Waste Regulations (Simpler Recycling in the Workplace, England)**

To allow members to consider how the council supports local businesses regarding the transition to new waste regulations

**11. Solar Communities**

To provide information to members about solar communities and investigate how the council can assist in the start-up of a scheme

**12. Strategic plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030**

To present an update on the strategic plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

**13. Migration to Electric Powered Vehicles**

To inform members of officer proposals for migration to electric powered vehicles

**14. Exempt Business**

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Election of Vice-Chairman

**Purpose of Report**

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its vice-chairman and for the remainder of council year 2024/25

**Recommendation**

The committee receives nominations for the vice-chairman of this committee and elects its vice-chairman for the remainder of 2024/25 council year

**Background**

1. Following the resignation of the committee's vice-chairman Cllr J. Trevena, this committee is required to elect a replacement vice-chairman.
2. The terms of reference for the council's committee structure state each committee will elect its vice-chairman from among its membership.
3. Consequently, nominations are sought for the vice-chairman of this committee.
4. The relevant standing orders that inform and govern the election of a vice-chairman are detailed below.
5. Standing order 3.t states:  
  
'Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on any question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave their vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda. If at least two members request, voting may be by signed ballot.'
6. Standing order 8.a states:  
  
'Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.'
7. The election of the vice-chairman of the Environment Committee will be reported to the Full Council on 12 February 2025.

Adrian Turner  
Operations manager  
January 2025

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024

**Present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr S.Cockerell

**Members:** Cllr J Stammers, Cllr P. May, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr J. Trevena, Cllr A. Wood

**Other members:** V. Elcoate, G. Barr

**Officers:** M. Green (deputy town clerk), K. Newman (administrative and community engagement assistant), A. Turner (operations manager)

**Guests:** R. Thomas (River Lim Action Group), G. Roberts (River Lim Action Group)

**24/35/ENV Public Forum**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**24/36/ENV Apologies**

Cllr C. Aldridge – prior commitment  
J. Breeze – appointment  
Cllr G. Turner

**24/37/ENV Minutes**

It was noted J. Breeze should be recorded as being a guest at the meeting.

It was noted G. Barr was not present at the meeting and any references to him needed to be amended to G. Roberts, from the River Lim Action Group. G. Barr also did not speak in the public forum.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2024, with the above amendments, were **ADOPTED**.

**24/38/ENV Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr P. May declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 7, Update Report, because he was a community energy champion and in items involved the Dorset Climate Action Network as he was a member, and Turn Lyme Green as he was also a member and sat on the steering committee.

## **24/39/ENV Dispensations**

There were none.

## **24/40/ENV Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 October 2024**

### **Carbon Literacy Organisation Accreditation**

A member asked why the Carbon Literacy training was cancelled at the last minute and asked if it would be rescheduled. It was noted the managing director or equivalent had to be trained for the council to remain accredited.

The town clerk said the person providing the training was not the appropriate person to deliver it to the town council and officers would provide the training in future. He said the deputy town clerk was currently accredited and the operations manager and support services manager would be trained.

### **Rainwater harvesting**

A member asked if it was the intention to use the rainwater runoff from the pavilion for the community garden.

The operations manager confirmed this was the plan.

### **Electric Supply to Gardens Lighting**

The operations manager said the quote for a metered supply had not yet been received.

### **2025/26 Budget Proposals**

The town clerk said a ride-on mower had been included in the list of possible objectives for 2025/26, and this would run on biodiesel. He added that security had been put in place to secure the biodiesel tank, including CCTV.

### **Appointment to Repairs Café Steering Group**

Cllr S. Larcombe said a meeting had taken place on 18 November 2024 to update on the project, with another meeting planned for 22 November 2024, when opening dates would be looked at, as well as finances. He said the repairs café aimed to open in early-2025, if there were enough volunteers and equipment.

## **24/41/ENV Update Report**

Cllr P. May asked if the town council could update the website to state that the community energy champions were still offering free thermal camera property surveys this winter.

**24/42/ENV To receive the minutes of the Bathing Water Quality meeting held on 1 October 2024**

It was noted Dorset Council had budget constraints and although they had committed to sorting the surface outlet drains near the Cobb and some other drains, they may no longer be able to provide the funding for this.

It was noted the drains next to the food kiosks on the seafront were currently blocked and this would be raised at the next bathing water quality meeting.

Proposed by Cllr May and seconded by Cllr Trevena, the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2024 were **RECEIVED**.

**24/43/ENV To receive a report from the River Lim Action Group**

The chairman invited G. Roberts and R. Thomas from the River Lim Action Group (RLAG) to present their report.

G. Roberts said the group would continue with their river monitoring, using their 30 monitoring volunteers, to help keep South West Water's attention on the issues. They were also hoping to start merging more informed local groups that had set up similar initiatives so they would have an informed database to pinpoint where the pollution was coming from.

Funding sources were discussed and G. Roberts said the only funding they received was from the town council, with all the work carried out voluntarily.

The town clerk said term grants over five years would be available from 2025-26, which the group may wish to apply for.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve the funding request from the River Lim Action Group for the sum of £7,908.32 for works in 2024/25.

**24/44/ENV Budget Report**

The town clerk said £2,100 of the funding previously awarded to RLAG would not be spent in the current financial year.

It was noted 2024-25 was the final year of the £25k budget to carry out the council's climate action plan and further discussion about how the council would carry out its plan would be discussed at the Strategy and Finance Committee on 27 November 2024 when objectives were agreed.

The town clerk said the climate action plan was out-of-date and required updating. It was agreed this would be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

**24/45/ENV Consultation on the Reform of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013**

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe members agreed to **RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL** that the response to the Consultation on the Reform of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 be delegated to three members and officers so that the response would be in on time, taking into account the input of the River Lim Action Group.

Cllr P. May, Cllr S. Cockerell and G. Barr agreed to work with officers on the response.

V. Elcoate said she understood the classifications by the Environment Agency would be out next week, which was important for Church Cliff Beach.

*The meeting closed at 7.54pm.*

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**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 November 2024

**Purpose of Report**

To update members on matters arising from the previous meeting that are not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda and to allow members to seek further information on issues raised within the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Recommendation**

Members note the report and raise any other issues on the minutes of the previous meeting that they require further information on.

**24/40/ENV – Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 October 2024**

**Rainwater harvesting**

The gardening and maintenance team have installed the new rainwater harvesting system at the Garden Pavillion.

**Electric Supply to Gardens Lighting**

The quote for a metered supply to the gardens lighting has not yet been received from National Grid and is being chased by the deputy town clerk. When received, analysis will be carried out to see if there is a viable business case to take this forward.

**24/45/ENV – Consultation on the Reform of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013**

The delegated members and officers completed the response to the consultation as agreed by the members of the committee. The details of the response are attached as **appendix 7A**.

Adrian Turner  
Operations manager  
January 2025

Response ID ANON-86KE-FJ5J-D

Submitted to Consultation on Reform of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013  
Submitted on 2024-12-06 16:07:04

Confidentiality

Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

If you answered yes, which information would you like to keep confidential and why?

Please explain here:

Information about you

Please provide your full name. If you are representing an organisation or group, you will be asked its name later.

Please provide your name here :  
Adrian Turner

Please provide your email address

Please provide your email here:  
adrian.turner@lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

In what capacity are you completing this consultation?

As a local authority

Where are you currently based yourself? If you are representing an organisation or group, you will be asked where it's based later on.

England

Additional information about organisations

What is the name of the organisation or interested group that you are responding on behalf of?

Please provide your organisation name here:

Lyme Regis Town Council  
Guildhall Cottage  
Lyme Regis  
Dorset  
DT7 3BS

Where does your business or organisation operate? (Select all that apply)

England

Impact Assessment

Do you consider it likely that any of the proposed reforms will have a negative or positive economic impact on your organisation?

A mixture of positive and negative impacts

Impact Assessment Mixture

What are the main reasons for your answer? Please add anything here that you want us to consider.

Please add anything you want us to consider here:

Reform 1 - Remove the automatic de-designation provision from the Regulations.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed removal of automatic de-designation from the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 for England and Wales?

Strongly agree

Please give reasons for your answer

Please explain here:

It should be difficult to auto designate a beach/river just because it has been polluted in the past.

## Reform 2 - Amend the Regulations to include the feasibility of improving a site's water quality to at least 'sufficient' as a criterion for final designation

To what extent do you agree or disagree that water quality, the feasibility to improve water quality to 'sufficient' standard, physical safety and environmental protections be considered before deciding whether to designate a site as a bathing water under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 for England and Wales?

Strongly disagree

Please give reasons for your answer

Please explain here:

It's too early in the process to decide it is not feasible

How should the public be notified that a site has been considered as a bathing water but not designated on the grounds that it is not feasible to improve water quality to a 'sufficient' standard?

On site signage, Notification on the Swimfo website in England or Bathing Waters Explorer Website in Wales., Notification on GOV.UK or GOV.WALES, Notification on the EA or NRW bathing water website

Please specify other here :

## Reform 3 - Remove the fixed dates of the monitored bathing season from Regulations

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed increase in flexibility of Bathing Season dates prescribed in the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 for England and Wales?

Strongly agree

Please give reasons for your answer

Please explain here:

Lots of people swim and use the water throughout the year.

## Technical Amendments

Are you content with the 9 proposed technical amendments listed above?

No

## Technical Amendments 2

Which of the 9 proposed technical amendments do you feel raises concerns or may have negative impacts?

6. Remove requirement to identify and provide contact details of any person responsible for taking action over STP in bathing water profile

What negative impacts do you foresee as a result of the technical amendment(s)?

The amendment(s) reduces overall accountability on the EA or NRW.

Please specify other here :

Should still have contact details of the responsible person for the EA

## Wider Reforms and Call for Evidence

To what extent do you agree or disagree that government should pursue wider reform of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 for England and Wales to include widening the definition of 'bathers'?

Strongly agree

Please indicate a reason for your answer

Please indicate a reason for your answer here:

Which water users should be included within the definition of 'bather'?

Kayakers/Canoeists, Paddle Boarders, Paddlers (those in the water but not fully submerged), Rowers, Small boat users, Surfers, Swimmers, Wind Surfers

Please specify other here :

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the government should pursue wider reform of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 for England and Wales to include the use of multiple monitoring points at bathing water sites?

Strongly agree

Please indicate a reason for your answer

Please indicate a reason for your answer here:

Regulations are not fit for purpose at the moment. Need multiple monitoring points to give true results.

Any other information

Please provide links to any relevant evidence that you have used to inform your views for this consultation. If there's anything else you'd like us to know or consider please add it here.

Please provide anything you want us to consider here:

River Lim Action Group

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Update Report

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

**Report**

**Updates from Community Organisations**

Members of any local community organisations present at the meeting will be asked if they wish to update the committee on their initiatives. A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for each organisation to present to the committee.

**Use of Biodiesel/HVO in council vehicles**

The concrete base for the biodiesel tank at the new beach store has been constructed and security measures have been installed. A 3,500L pumped twin walled tank has been ordered and delivery and installation is anticipated w/c 3 February 2025.

Adrian Turner  
Operations manager  
January 2025

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Climate and Nature Survey, Dorset Town and Parish Councils

### **Purpose of Report**

To allow members to respond to a request from Dorset Council to respond to the Town and Parish Council – Climate and Nature Survey

### **Recommendation**

Members consider Dorset Council's Climate and Nature Survey and delegate up to two members to work with officers to formulate a response

### **Report**

1. Dorset Council is consulting with town and parish councils to learn how best tackle the climate and nature emergencies and has launched a survey to gain an insight into councils' current climate and nature initiatives, identify any challenges they face, and celebrate their success stories. By taking part, you can help us understand how we can better support the efforts of your organisation and your community
2. The survey, **appendix 9A**, has been created by Dorset Council's climate sector support officer. This role is dedicated to collaborating with stakeholders – including town and parish councils, schools, public sector organisations, and climate-focused charities – in achieving its net zero and broader sustainability goals.
3. Upon receiving the completed surveys by 28 February 2025, the climate sector support officer will:
  - develop a climate mitigation and adaptation toolkit for town and parish councils
  - invite town and parish councils to become sustainability ambassadors
  - organise the first Dorset Sustainability Ambassador workshop
  - share survey responses with our local nature recovery officer to ensure we link up climate and nature support where possible
4. It is suggested up to two members are delegated to work with officers to submit a response on the council's behalf.
5. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 12 February 2025.

Adrian Turner  
Operations manager  
December 2024

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** New Waste Regulations (Simpler Recycling in the Workplace, England)

### **Purpose of Report**

To allow members to consider how the council supports local businesses regarding the transition to new waste regulations

### **Recommendation**

Members agree the council informs via our website and publications to support local businesses and Lyme Regis Business Association regarding the implementation of new waste regulations

### **Report**

1. From 31 March 2025 (or 31 March 2027 for micro-firms), all workplaces (businesses and non-domestic premises) in England have a legal duty to present the following wastes separated in accordance with the arrangements with their waste collector:
  - dry recyclable materials - plastic, metal, glass, paper and card (more information on separating recyclable material is in the 'Separating recyclable waste' section)
  - food waste
  - black bin waste (residual waste)
2. Details of the new regulations are detailed in the following government guidance: [Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England - GOV.UK](#). The Defra guidance publication is attached, **appendix 10A**.
3. All businesses are being urged to review their current waste collection and disposal practices, and work with their waste collection provider to identify where changes are needed. They may need to invest in new recycling bins, signage, and other measures.
4. To support the introduction of the new waste regulations, the council could publicise information on its website, social media and in the community and business briefings.
5. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 12 February 2025.

Adrian Turner  
Operations manager  
November January 2025

# Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England

Guidance from 31 March 2025 (or 31 March 2027 for micro-firms) for waste collectors and workplaces on separating dry recyclables, food waste and black bin waste.

From:

[Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs](#)

Published

29 November 2024

## Applies to England

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From 31 March 2025 (or 31 March 2027 for micro-firms), all workplaces (businesses and non-domestic premises) in England have a legal duty to present the following wastes separated in accordance with the arrangements with their waste collector:

- dry recyclable materials - plastic, metal, glass, paper and card (more information on separating recyclable material is in the 'Separating recyclable waste' section)
- food waste
- black bin waste (residual waste)

Workplaces that generate garden waste have a legal duty to manage it in accordance with the waste hierarchy and arrange for it to be recycled or composted if it delivers the best environmental outcome.



Workplaces can decide on the size of containers and frequency of collections based on the volume of waste they produce. You do not need to provide bins for your customers, however, if you provide bins, you will need to separate dry recyclable waste, food waste and black bin waste.

## Workplaces that must follow these rules

Any business or workplace premises that generates waste that is similar in nature and composition to household waste must follow these rules across their operations (including for example, staff kitchens). This includes all relevant non-domestic premises, such as:

- offices
- retail and wholesale
- transport and storage
- hospitality, such as cafes, restaurants, and hotels
- places of education, such as schools, colleges, and universities
- healthcare places, such as GP surgeries and hospitals
- care homes
- charities and those registered as charities
- places of worship
- penal institutes
- charity shops selling donated goods that came from a domestic property
- residential hostels that provide accommodation to people with no other permanent address or who are unable to live at their permanent address only
- premises used only or mainly for public meetings

This is not a complete list and there are others. If you are unsure if the rules apply to your business, you can [check the legislation](#).

## Separating recyclable waste

You need to [separate paper and card](#) from other dry recyclables (plastic, metal and glass), unless your waste collector collects them together. Waste collectors may also choose to collect other dry recyclable materials separately, like glass. You should discuss how your dry recyclable waste will be collected with your chosen waste collector.

You must always separate dry recyclable waste, food waste and black bin waste from each other.

Dry recyclable waste is:

- glass - such as drinks bottles and rinsed empty food jars
- metal - such as drinks cans and rinsed empty food tins, empty aerosols, aluminium foil, aluminium food trays and tubes
- plastic - such as rinsed empty food containers and bottles
- paper and cardboard - such as old newspapers, envelopes, delivery boxes and packaging

Food waste is:

- food leftovers
- waste generated by preparing food (of any volume, including if the workplace does not serve food or have a canteen)

Black bin waste or residual waste is:

- absorbent hygiene products such as nappies
- highly contaminated materials like food packaging that cannot be washed

## **Finding a waste collector**

You should discuss the requirements with your waste collector and arrange separate dry recycling, food waste and black bin waste collection. The waste collector can be a private waste collector or your local authority may also provide services. If your current waste collector does not offer the full range of collection services, you will need to arrange these services from other providers.

You must make sure that the company is [registered on the Public Register of Waste Carriers, Brokers and Dealers](#).

## **Micro-firm exemption until 31 March 2027**

Micro-firms need to comply by 31 March 2027.

Micro-firms are workplaces with less than 10 full-time employees in total. This relates to the total number of full time or full-time equivalent employees in a business, rather than in a certain business location. For example, if a business has 3 locations with 5 employees in each location, they have a total of 15 employees. For counting part-time employees, add a fraction based on their pro-rated hours.

Volunteers are not included in determining the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employee count for a business or non-domestic premise. This includes organisations that have volunteers across multiple premises.

## Legal requirement for workplaces

Businesses and non-domestic premises have a legal duty to take all reasonable steps to apply the waste hierarchy and the [duty of care](#) in line with Simpler Recycling. If your landlord employs a waste company for you, or you have a waste management contractor, this company has a legal obligation to make sure any separately collected dry recyclables are sent for recycling and that any residual waste is correctly managed.

If you do not comply with these requirements by 31 March 2025 (or 31 March 2027 for micro firms), you are at risk of receiving a compliance notice from the Environment Agency.

Compliance notices can also be issued against anyone who is not separating waste in agreement with their waste collector. This will often be the waste producers, for example the business, but this may also be the landlords or facilities management companies that are presenting waste on behalf of the waste producer.

It is an offence to fail to comply with a compliance notice and enforcement action may be taken against you in line with the Environment Agency Enforcement and Sanctions Policy.

## Legal requirement for waste collectors

Waste collectors have a legal duty to make sure that dry recyclable materials (plastic, metal, glass, paper and card) and food waste are collected separately from residual waste.

Paper and card must be collected separately from plastic, metal and glass. However, if this is not technically or economically practicable, or has no significant environmental benefit, the waste collector can [complete a written co-collection assessment](#).

Compliance notices can also be issued against a waste collector (excluding a Waste Collection Authority) that is not complying with the rules.

Once collected, waste that has been separated for recycling cannot be mixed with other materials of different properties after. Waste separated for recycling cannot be disposed to landfill or incineration.

## Support for workplaces and waste collectors

Businesses will continue to pay for their own waste management services. However, Defra will be providing advice and guidance for workplaces as they move to these new recycling rules.

## **Waste and Resources Action Programme**

Defra has funded the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to develop the [Business of Recycling Website](#). This provides guidance and resources for specific business sectors and non-domestic premises such as schools and hospitals, on how to make the changes required. The website also includes a waste calculator, that gives businesses the potential costs of their waste collection service, and ideas to improve waste efficiency.

## **Report non-compliance**

From April 2025, the general public and other parties will be able to report workplaces that do not follow these rules to the Environment Agency. Defra will update this guidance with information on how to report non-compliance when it is available.

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Solar Communities

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide information to members about solar communities and investigate how the council can assist in the start-up of a scheme

### **Recommendation**

Members agree a group of members explore the possibility of approaching voluntary organisations and appropriate bodies to investigate options to start a solar community Scheme

### **Report**

1. Solar communities allow people to enjoy all the benefits of solar energy, without the need for photovoltaic panels on their own roofs. It is a booming new business model that not only helps to save on bills but also contributes to the decarbonisation of the planet.
2. Solar communities, or collective self-consumption, are extremely important, as they enable photovoltaic energy to be distributed to a larger number of people, allowing them to benefit from solar power without having to make an investment or to have solar panels on their roofs.
3. Solar energy communities work in a similar way to other community projects, such as a community garden created by a group of neighbours on a common piece of land because not everyone has a plot, where everyone contributes a small investment to buy seeds, tools and other necessary resources. What the garden produces is then distributed among the participants according to their contribution. In the same way, a solar community installs solar panels on the roofs of neighbours or in a common place and the energy generated is shared among the members.
4. By going clean and local, participants contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing their carbon footprint. The solar community strengthens energy resilience by diversifying energy sources and reducing dependence on fossil fuels. They also promote greater public awareness of the importance of sustainability and the adoption of renewable energy.
5. It is suggested a small group of members work with officers to explore the possibility of approaching voluntary organisations and appropriate bodies to investigate options to start a solar community scheme.
6. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 12 February 2025.

Adrian Turner  
Operations Manager  
January 2025

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Strategic plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030

**Purpose of Report**

To present an update on the strategic plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

**Recommendation**

Members note the report and updated strategic plan

**Background**

1. In December 2020, the council carried out an environmental impact assessment and put together a strategic plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

**Report**

2. Since 2020, the council has delivered on infrastructure projects (new amenities hut and beach store) that include the provision of solar PV panels.
3. A biodiesel tank will soon be installed at the beach store to provide an environmentally friendly fuel for our diesel engines until there's a complete migration to electrically powered equipment.
4. The council has purchased two electric utility vehicles for use around the town, and it is planned to replace all our diesel-powered road vehicles with electric powered vehicles by 2030.
5. An updated carbon net zero by 2030 strategic plan is provided as **appendix 12A**.
6. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 12 February 2025.

Adrian Turner  
Operations manager  
January 2025

## Carbon Net Zero by 2030 - Strategic Plan

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
<b>Vehicle Emissions</b>		Provide a supply of Bio diesel for use in the tractor and any diesel-powered vehicles or equipment	Replace LV Tong utility vehicle	Replace Courier Van	Replace Transit tipper	Replace Mitsubishi Pick up
<b>Machinery</b>		Replace petrol powered hedge cutters with lithium battery powered hedge cutters			Replace petrol powered blowers with lithium battery powered blowers	Review use of petrol/diesel powered mowers
<b>Electricity</b>	December 2024 3 year green energy contract with Yu energy Solar panels installed at Amenities Hut and Beach Store	Renew shelter and kiosk kitchen contracts Sept 2025	Review and switch tariff if necessary			
<b>Fluorescent Lighting</b>	All lighting in Langmoor Gardens now LED					
<b>Paper Use</b>		Work in progress When relocate to new offices we will continue to reduce paper use				
<b>Water Consumption</b>	All toilets are low water consumption	Installed water harvesting in Langmoor Gardens for community garden use				
<b>Green Waste</b>		Continue to compost as much as our green waste as possible				
<b>Gas</b>	No renewable option available					
<b>Battery Use</b>		All electrical items use items use batteries charged from renewable energy sources				

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Title:** Migration to Electric Powered Vehicles

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform members of officer proposals for migration to electric powered vehicles

### **Recommendation**

Members note the report

### **Report**

1. As part of the council's path to net carbon zero by 2030, the external works' team will migrate from fossil-powered to lithium battery powered vehicles. This will include replacements for the Ford Transit tipper, Ford Courier, Mitsubishi Pick Up and LV Tong utility vehicle.
2. The timing of the migration is informed by the estimated life of each vehicle, the ability of electric powered vehicles to undertake the tasks required, and the cost of the transition.

### **LV Tong Electric Utility Vehicle**

3. The council owns an electric powered (lead acid battery) utility vehicle. The respective cost of a lithium battery powered utility vehicle is £25,000.
4. Although this vehicle is relatively new (69 registration), it is based on old technology, namely it is powered by inefficient lead acid batteries, as this vehicle brand isn't that well known, or widely available, spare parts are extremely expensive and difficult to obtain, since 2019 we have already had to replace the batteries twice at a cost of £3,536. It failed its MOT late last year and we are still awaiting the delivery of the parts. Officers propose that the utility vehicle is replaced in 2026-27, at a total cost of c.£25,000 after allowing for the part exchange value of our current vehicle.

### **Ford Courier**

5. The council owns a 2016 Ford Courier van. The respective cost of a suitable small lithium battery powered panel van is £25,000.
6. Officers propose a lithium battery powered small panel van is purchased in 2027-28 at a cost of c.£20,000 after allowing for the part exchange value of our current vehicle.

### **Ford Transit Tipper**

7. The council owns a 2016 Ford Transit crew cab tipper. The respective cost of a new lithium battery powered Transit Custom tipper truck is £35,000.
8. Officers propose a lithium battery powered single cab tipper truck is purchased in 2028-29 at a cost of c.£30,000 after allowing for the part exchange value of our current vehicle.



## **Mitsubishi LT200 Pick Up Van**

9. The council owns a 2019 Mitsubishi LT200 Pick Up van. The respective cost of an electric pick-up truck now is in the region of £50,000.
10. Owing to the amount of useful life left in the Mitsubishi pick up and the lack of a suitable choice of vehicles together with the current cost of migration to a lithium battery-powered pick up, officers propose that the pick-up is replaced in 2029-30, when hopefully costs have reduced and there are more models available, at a cost of c.£40,000 after allowing for the part exchange value of our current vehicle.
11. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 12 February 2025.

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