



TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

COMMITMENTS & ACTIONS SUMMARY

Annex 3: HIGH-LEVEL COMMITMENTS

1	<i>Tenterden Town Council will minimise its own carbon footprint in the short term and achieve net zero carbon in its own operations and supply chain by 2030 at the latest</i>
2	<i>The Council will assess the impact of all its decisions and action on the climate and on the environment more generally and will always endeavour to make greener choices</i>
3	<i>In carrying out its functions, TTC wants to help make it easier for residents, businesses and users of the town's facilities make low carbon and sustainable choices. We commit to doing this in the following ways.</i>
a	We will work with businesses, charities & others to help reduce their carbon footprint, bringing them together to develop sustainable initiatives for the area.
b	We will welcome visitors and investors in tourism & leisure, promoting Tenterden as a showcase thriving through sustainability.
c	We will support local people to reduce their carbon footprint, by providing information, suggesting solutions and signposting to sources of support and funding.
d	We will work with those involved in land use for food production, biodiversity, wildlife protection, leisure & well-being to enhance sustainable practices.
e	We will consult with experts in land management, energy, transport, recycling & waste management to ensure our views and actions are informed by best practice in each area.
f	We will endeavour to become an exemplar; showing how to combine net zero carbon ambition with opportunity, fairness, well-being and flourishing in a vibrant market town.

Annex 4: ACTIONS

PUTTING OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER

1	Refurbishment of the town hall	
a	Finalise plans for refurbishment of the town hall and obtain planning approvals	Complete
b	Insulate the building to the highest standards consistent with heritage status	Medium term
c	Install and state-of-the-art heating systems and controls	Medium term
d	Consider installation of solar panels if they are economic and practical	Medium term
2	Energy efficiency	
a	Develop plan and policies for replacing inefficient appliances	In progress
b	Implement plan and policies for renewal of appliances	Medium term
c	Identify best practices changes to policies and behaviour to drive energy efficiency	Short Term

3		Electrification of TTC vehicles and plant	
	a	Develop plan and policies for replacing petrol vehicles and plant	In progress
	b	Implement plan and policies for vehicles and plant	Medium term
	c	Develop facilities for charging TTC and employee EVs and electric plant	Medium term
4		Net zero and offset	
	a	Calculate likely 2030 scope 1 and 2 emissions (water and electricity)	In progress
	b	Calculate likely 2030 scope 3 emissions (bought in materials, services, waste)	In progress
	c	Develop strategies for carbon negative measures and offset	Short Term
	d	Develop a full TTC plan for achieving and sustaining carbon neutrality by 2030	Short Term
5		Reducing waste and recycling	
	a	Review council activities and processes for waste production and management	Short Term
	b	Introduce measures to minimise waste including targets	Short Term
	c	Introduce measures to maximise recycling including targets	Short Term
	d	Adopt good practice guidelines for electronic services and 'paperwork'	In progress
	e	Ensure staff training in sustainable practices including procurement, use, disposal	Short Term
	f	Engage with ABC to improve storage facility behind Leisure Centre - green waste	Short Term
6		Nature - Biodiversity and Land Use	
	a	Establish network of experts to ensure quality information and advice.	Short Term
	b	Develop policies and practices for promoting nature in all council-owned spaces.	In progress
	c	Review monitoring of use of chemicals/pesticides to identify improvements.	Short Term
	d	Survey biodiversity in public spaces and develop plans for enhancement	In progress
	e	Develop New Buildings Sustainability Recommendations for local building developments	Complete
	f	Work with local developers to support the implementation of the New Buildings Sustainability Recommendations	In progress

SUPPORTING CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY

1		Energy use in Buildings	
	a	Develop information materials about reducing energy use and carbon in buildings	Part complete
	b	Provide information about available grants, subsidies and incentives	Short term
	c	Signposting to relevant organisations providing support, including KCC and ABC	Short term
	d	Establish good working contacts with local energy networks on decarbonisation	Short term
	e	Establish the capability to provide practical support to community energy	Medium term
2		Travel and transport	
	a	Develop a transport vision and strategy for 2030s in consultation with local people	In progress
	b	Establish TTC and residents' preference for bus transport to, from and within the town	Short term
	c	Lobby KCC and others for improved public transport services	Short term
	d	Work with ABC, KCC and others to enhance EV charging facilities in the town	Medium term
	e	Create a Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Policy (LCWIP) with ABC and residents	In progress
	f	Work with ABC to bid for funding to deliver the LCWIP in phases	Medium term
3		Biodiversity and the Countryside	
	a	Raising public awareness of the Countryside Code	Short term
	b	Provide information on Good Practice when in the countryside in general	Short term
	c	Provide information on Good Practice when on farmland	Short term
	d	Work with the Tenterden Schools Federation to engage young people	In progress

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	e	Provide "Doorstep Walks" leaflet and online info	Medium term
	f	Conduct partnership working to facilitate enhanced biodiversity with area NGOs	Short Term
	g	Liaise with ABC to secure compost delivery for residents	Short Term
	h	Promote open dialogue on green spaces with stakeholders, KCC, ABC	Short Term
	i	Host Public Information events with Experts and Key Stakeholders	Short Term
4	Waste and Recycling		
	a	Raise awareness of issues in managing waste and recycling	Short term
	b	Promote options to reduce waste and increase recycling	Part complete
	c	Support community events with the above aims	In progress
	d	Support Plastic Free Tenterden & Repair Cafe initiatives	In progress
	e	Welcome initiatives from providers of schemes with waste reduction objectives	Short term
	f	Publicise waste schemes available to local businesses through ABC and KCC	Short term
	g	Develop framework for "Outdoor Events Sustainability Pledges"	Part complete
	h	Develop framework for an "Improving Sustainability Business Certificate"	Medium