

**PROPOSAL FORM FOR ITEMS FOR
FOR CONSIDERATION BY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

Submitted by:

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Item for Consideration:

Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Policy - TDC Net Zero Target

Expected outcome i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, review and/or scrutinise the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas:

To review and scrutinise the progress of the Council Net Zero Carbon Reduction Policy in relation to its policy objectives and future performance target

Priority for matter to be considered ✓ :

High (up to 3 months)

Medium (3-6 months)

Low (over 9 months).

Basis on which priority has been set

The current policy net zero Carbon target date is 2025.

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate) ✓

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| (a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) It is a recently introduced policy, service area of activity which would be timely to review . | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) It is a policy which has been running for some time and is due for review | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) It is a major proposal for change | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (e) It is an issue raised via complaints received | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (f) It is an area of public concern | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (g) It is an area of poor performance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (h) It would be of benefit to residents of the district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(i) Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address?

The Council Objectives is to be a Carbon Neutral District providing a clean, green and safe environment providing active and sustainable travel

(j) Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?)

The current Council net zero target date is 2025 to support the areas of Environmental Health and the declared Climate Change Emergency. To build on the current policy it is considered essential to review and scrutinise the current policy.

Members are requested to provide information on the following:-

(k) What do you wish to achieve from the review?

**To review the current policy and 2025 target progress
In consultation with other stakeholders and environment experts for cross party/member, (based on the review outcomes), to recommend a new appropriate target for the Council (and District).
To provide recommendations for consideration by the Executive for the future development and Decarbonisation Targets in support of the Climate Change Emergency Policy.**

(l) Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable?

Desired outcomes will be achievable

(m) Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness?

**Decarbonisation reduces cost over time and increases the effectiveness and efficiency of the Council
Any proposed new target will allow focus to be appropriately applied by the Council and stakeholders to deliver significant environmental improvements for the residents of Teignbridge District. The scrutiny will consider the financial implications of all decarbonisation projects set out within the Policy and Strategy**

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked.

The Current Council and District target date is 2025.

There is the danger that once the current target has been achieved the focus on the environment and climate change would decrease without a further commitment to achieve further progress going forward beyond 2025

It is important for the residents of the District that any future proposed environmental improvement actions and recommendations for consideration by the Executive should have cross party support of the Council.

In order that there is coherent and consistent focus on the delivery of the policy it is essential that it is developed in consultation with stakeholder and environment experts across the District. With the proposals for the future Council vehicle fleet replacement that will have a significant impact on the Council carbon footprint now is the time to consider building on the work that has been carried out and develop a decarbonisation strategy for the future that is financial viable and achievable.

Please return completed form to Democratic Services Department

The Working Party will meet a maximum of three times with additional meetings to conduct face to face interviews with consult-tees.

Consult-tees will be offered the opportunity to provide their evidence by a written submission to the Working Group

The Working Group will provide an update on progress to O & S1

Suggested Consul-tees (not an exhaustive list) are:-

Teignbridge District Council Officers

Teignbridge District Council Leader and Executive Members

Teignbridge District Council Members

Town & Parish Councils

Action on Climate in Teignbridge (ACT)

Wildlife Wardens

Local Environment Group

Natural England

Woodland Trust

Universities and Colleges

Local Business Leaders

Draft Review Plan

- 1. Review of existing Decarbonisation Strategy and Policy**
- 2. Desktop exercise to compare neighbouring Local Authorities (Plymouth, Exeter, Mid Beds) policies**
- 3. Medium Term Financial Policy - Impact level of decarbonisation policy on MTFP**
- 4. Decarbonisation of Vehicle Fleet - Impact of policy implementation on Waste Collection Policy**
- 5. On-line canvass of Local Residents (Questionnaire to be developed)**
- 6. Monitoring Progress - Working Group will meet at least Monthly.**
- 7. Final Report to O &S (DATE TO BE AGREED)**
- 8. Final Report and Recommendations to Executive for consideration**
- 9. Annual review of policy and implementation progress (pre-budget setting)**