

Agenda Item 9

For decision – Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy

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Summary

The Resilience team has produced update documents on progress against the actions contained in FTC's 2019 Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan Matrix. The recommendation is that these documents are shared publicly in draft form for feedback from the community and finalised after the Climate Action group meeting on 25 January 2022.

In 2019 Frome Town Council held three public Climate Emergency panels on Energy, Transport and Resources, to inform its Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan.

In July 2021 Frome Town Council declared an Ecological Emergency and agreed to address these interconnected issues in a joint Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy going forward.

Since the publication of the Strategy in 2019, there has not been a public update to the Strategy. [The documents on the website at Appendix 10 form a draft update](#). The proposal is to undertake this activity annually.

The first meeting of the public Climate Action Group will take place virtually on 25 January. This will be an opportunity for public review of the actions in the Plan, including prioritising current actions and suggesting new ones. This will include the creation of a new tab on the Action Plan Matrix for actions relating to biodiversity.

The proposal is to also share this document online in draft form for public feedback if people are unable to attend the meeting.

The documents will then be finalised in draft form in February 2022 and return to Council for formal approval as soon as possible thereafter.

Recommendations

1. FTC publishes an update to the 2019 Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan
2. The papers are shared in draft form to enable community feedback and final draft completed after the Climate Action Group meeting on 25 January
3. The final draft will return to Council for formal approval as soon as possible.
4. This exercise is completed annually alongside the review of the next year's Work Programme