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## Lyme Regis Town Council

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### Environment Committee

**Core Membership:** Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr J. Broom, Cllr K. Ellis, Cllr B. Larcombe MBE, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr D. Ruffle, Cllr D. Sarson, Cllr R. Smith, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr T. Webb, Cllr S. Williams

Notice is given of a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at the **Pine Hall, Lyme Regis Baptist Church, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis** on Wednesday 7 July 2021 commencing at 7pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:

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02.07.21

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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 Chairman and Vice Chairman

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its chairman and vice-chairman for the council year 2021/22

#### 2. Terms of Reference

To allow the committee to receive its terms of reference

**3. 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*

**4. Apologies**

To receive and record apologies and reasons for absence

**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.
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**6. Dispensations**

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

**7. Update Report**

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

**8. Environment Information for the Town Council Website**

To allow members to consider adding environment information to the town council website

**9. Cycle Lanes and Bicycle Racks**

To allow members to consider the introduction of cycle lanes and bicycle racks in Lyme Regis

**10. Japanese Knotweed**

To allow members to consider a solution to the problem of Japanese knotweed

**11. UN Sustainable Development Goals logo**

To allow members to consider using the UN Sustainable Development Goals logo on council corporate material

**12. Queen's Green Canopy**

To allow members to discuss the Queen's Green Canopy initiative

**13. LRTC Net Zero Carbon 2030 – Strategic Top Ten Progress Report**

To report on progress towards the town council achieving Net Zero by 2030

## 14. Exempt Business

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**Purpose of Report**

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its chairman and vice-chairman for the council year 2021/22

**Recommendation**

- a) The committee receives nominations for the chairman of this committee and elects its chairman for the council year 2021/22
- b) The committee receives nominations for the vice-chairman of this committee and elects its vice-chairman for the council year 2021/22

**Background**

- 1. The terms of reference for the council's committee structure state each committee will elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.
- 2. Consequently, nominations are sought for the chairman and the vice-chairman of this committee.
- 3. The relevant standing orders that inform and govern the election of chairmen and vice-chairmen are detailed below.

- 4. 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.'

- 5. 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.'

6. Standing order 8.b. states:

‘As the first business of a council is to elect a chairman (the mayor in the case of Lyme Regis Town Council) who is also an ex-officio voting member of all committees, they are in a position to open and chair a sub-committee meeting temporarily, with the benefit of a casting vote, until a committee chairman is elected. In the Mayor’s absence, the Deputy Mayor could officiate in the same way, The town clerk or other officer cannot open or chair a committee or sub-committee meeting.

7. The election of the chairman and vice-chairman of the Environment Committee will be reported to the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

John Wright  
Town clerk  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Terms of Reference

**Purpose**

To allow the committee to receive its terms of reference

**Recommendation**

The committee receives its terms of reference

**Background**

1. The terms of reference for the Environment Committee, along with the general terms of reference that apply to all the council's committees is attached, **appendix 2A**.
2. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

John Wright  
Town clerk  
July 2021

**Terms of Reference**

**2. Committees – General**

- 2.1 The purpose of the council's committees is to consider issues under their remit. Issues will normally be outlined in a report prepared by officers and each report will normally include a recommendation.
- 2.2 Any recommendation(s) from a council committee will be considered at the subsequent meeting of the Full Council. Any decision or recommendation from a council committee has no status until it has been adopted by the Full Council by way of a resolution. This is unless a committee has devolved powers, i.e. Planning in respect of making recommendations direct to Dorset Council on planning applications.
- 2.3 Each committee will:
- 2.3.1 Elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership;
  - 2.3.2 Confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the last committee meeting;
  - 2.3.3 Agree and review the terms of reference for sub-committees, working or advisory groups that report to the committee;
  - 2.3.4 Receive nominations to existing sub-committees, working or advisory groups that report to the committee;
  - 2.3.5 Elect chairmen and vice-chairmen to existing sub-committees, working or advisory groups that report to the committee;
  - 2.3.6 Appoint any new sub-committees, working or advisory groups, confirmation of their terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors), receipt of nominations and the election of chairmen and vice-chairmen to them;
  - 2.3.7 To examine on behalf of the council various policies, strategies and plans relating to its subject area and to report these to the Full Council;
  - 2.3.8 To undertake reviews or policy development tasks in relation to any matters falling within the remit of the committee;
  - 2.3.9 To work with other relevant committees of the council where an area of work is shared with that committee.
- 2.4 Council-approved projects and objectives will be delegated to the relevant committee.
- 2.5 No business may be transacted at a committee meeting of the Full Council unless at least one third of the whole number of members of the committee are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.

**4. Environment Committee**

- 4.1 The purpose of the Environment Committee is to:

- 4.1.1 Research and advise the council on environmental issues.
  - 4.1.2 Consult external bodies on environmental issues.
  - 4.1.3 Make recommendations on the council's policy on environmental issues.
  - 4.1.4 To identify and monitor progress against environmental objectives.
  - 4.1.5 To contain spend to approved budget.
- 4.2 Up to six non-members may sit on the committee, with no more than two people from one organisation. Non-members will not have voting rights.



**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Update Report

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

**Report**

**RCA 'Future Towns' project**

Funding was applied for from the Foundation for Integrated Transport to undertake Phase 2 but on 30 June 2021, notice was given the application was unsuccessful. Other funding is being sought but there is scope for a pared down community engagement programme based on exploring further all the issues raised from last year's study and, with the carbon footprinting toolkits now available, to encourage a wide range of aspirations and visions for a net zero future town.

The team running the People's Assemblies for Dorset has agreed to work with us on this project.

**Lyme Regis Community Energy scheme**

The Lyme Regis Development Trust, Turn Lyme Green, the Lyme Society, other community groups (hopefully), Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr R. Smith and other committed volunteers are setting up a Lyme Regis Community Energy scheme with the help of Pete West at Dorset Community Energy.

The aim is for a fairly simple scheme starting with organisations or businesses with larger roofs in a 'rent a roof' type model for solar panels – the development trust buildings, the town council, the Boat Building Academy, the medical centres and the schools are likely to be the first prospects. Alongside that, the group will try and engage widely with information for householders on renewable energy choices, retrofitting and energy efficiency measures with all the government grants available.

**Lyme Regis Car Club (& e-bike rental hubs)**

The survey with Co-Cars, the car, e-bike and e-cargo bike social enterprise from Exeter, showed huge interest in the Car Club so there is enough demand to run the six-month trial agreed by the council.

It is intended to run a trial with a Co-Cars electric car in the space next to the chargers at Woodmead car park when they are operational.

At the most recent meeting with Co-Cars, they believed an electric vehicle was available as soon as the council was ready with the charging point, whereas a hybrid one would take longer as they would need to re-juggle their fleet.

It makes sense therefore, to start as soon as the chargers are installed with an electric car, since from Co-Cars experience, it is the curiosity and desire to try an electric car that really drives early uptake with car clubs.

Cllr B. Bawden will meet Co-Cars soon to find out what the arrangements are to start the Lyme Regis Car Club, for a permanent car club and to start planning and fundraising for electric bike rental hubs. These operate as pick-up and drop-off at any hubs so Cllr B. Bawden can plan to work with Bridport, Charmouth, Seaton, Axminster and other towns and villages to create a network so people could begin to look at bike rental as a serious alternative to cars, both for work, shopping and leisure touring along the Jurassic Coast and into inland towns and villages.

Co-Cars already have contracts with East Devon District Council, South West Trains and Somerset County and District Councils, so creating a network within Dorset could link into provision at railway connections and neighbouring communities.

Cllr B. Bawden is hoping Car Clubs and E-bike rental networks could be taken up as projects for the Transport team of the Dorset Climate Action Network (DCAN).

### **Carbon Literacy training**

Cllr B. Bawden raised a question to Dorset Council's (DC) Full Council on 15 April 2021 as the proposal for them to fund the Carbon Literacy training for all town and parish councillors had not been made for months. Dorset Council's reply kicked the proposal from DAPTC to fund this training by the Centre for Sustainable Energy into the long grass.

However, as this council has already agreed to undertake this training, Cllr B. Bawden will contact an accredited Carbon Literacy trainer to assess what would be involved in the design and delivery of a bespoke package of training for the council.

Those councillors choosing to join the Environment Committee could then undertake the training.

### **Dorset Climate Action Network**

The Dorset Climate Action Network (DCAN), which Cllr B. Bawden helped to co-found, has grown rapidly from four people to a network of community and sector-based groups and committed individuals, keen to share experience, expertise and energy in creating solutions in the face of the climate and ecological emergency. The network aims to support Dorset Council, Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council and all the town and parish councils in their net zero and adaptation planning.

The group now has multiple actions teams, including one co-ordinating questions to Dorset Council and is working with CPRE, STAND, ADVEARSE and other groups to influence DC over the housing targets in the Local Plan. The monthly newsletter shares case studies, examples of community action, events and news, local and global - [Dorset CAN](#)

The group has Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages now and Cllr B. Bawden is working on the website. Please do sign up to keep up to date with DCAN activities.

Cllr B. Bawden is also involved with the Green Party's COP26 Climate group and Transport Working Group, with NALC's Climate Change Task & Finish group and she is a not very active GIKI Community Champion. These links provide useful additional knowledge and access to expertise.

### **Joining other networks of best practice**

DAPTC has set up a [climate resource hub](#) and a 'Member Councils Leading the Way' listing. This council could realistically request that it should be on it before the end of this year.

[NALC](#) has updated the criteria for the [Local Council Award scheme](#) to include responsibility for biodiversity.

### **Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers**

Western Power Distribution has scheduled connection at Monmouth Beach car park on 2 August 2021 and Woodmead car park on 12 and 13 August 2021. PodPoint, the council's preferred EV charger installer, has been informed of the dates. At the time of writing, dates were yet to be set for PodPoint to install the chargers.

The delay has been due to a wider issue of reinforcement of the electrical network to support the ever-increasing demand from Lyme Regis. Reinforcement works for power supplying the harbour area and the Broad Street area are expected at a later date.

Matt Adamson-Drage      Cllr Belinda Bawden  
Operations manager      Councillor  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Environment Information for the Town Council Website

**Purpose of the Report**

To allow members to consider adding environment information to the town council website

**Recommendation**

Members approve adding environment information to the town council website

**Background**

1. For the purpose of championing the environment and signposting environmental initiatives, schemes and grants available to residents, Cllr Smith has proposed we should include environmental information and links on the town council website.
2. Members should note that work was done with Blue Level website designers to set up the optimum number of tabs for navigation purposes when the website was designed. It may be necessary to revisit this work to be able to include environmental information on the website and there may be a cost involved in doing so.

**Report**

3. The following ideas are a list of possible headings under which to collate environmental information:
  - a. **Around Town** – useful environmental information, such as:
    - Links to public transport, the town bus and car sharing scheme
    - Location of water refill points (businesses and LRTC taps)
    - Explanation of the Boomerang Bag scheme
    - Car charging
    - Details of forthcoming beach cleans and litter picks
  - b. **Grants and Funding** – to direct householders and businesses to local and central government funding for energy efficiency and low carbon technology, such as Dorset Council's *Healthy Homes* and *Low Carbon Dorset* schemes, the government's Renewable Heat Incentive, and Ofgem's Energy Company Obligation (ECO) grants.
  - c. **Waste and Recycling**

This would be a move of the current page from Community -> Useful Information.
  - d. **Carbon Neutral Council**

Details of the council's plans to be carbon neutral by 2030, and achievements on the journey.
  - e. **Schemes**

Details of Lyme Regis' Plastic Free Town award. Description of the UN Sustainability Goals and how they relate to Lyme Regis

- f. **Nature and Wildlife** - Where we can talk about the achievements of the outdoor team with their bird boxes and feeders, the wild garden patch, the mowing regime, and the non (or limited TBD) use of herbicides. We could perhaps extend this to talk about the marine environment and link to the Lyme Bay Conservation Area.
4. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Cycle Lanes and Bicycle Racks

### **Purpose of the Report**

To allow members to consider the introduction of cycle lanes and bicycle racks in Lyme Regis

### **Recommendation**

- a) Members consider the introduction of cycle lanes in Lyme Regis and instruct officers to contact Dorset Council Highways to request a review.
- b) Members consider installing bicycle racks at the entrance to Langmoor Gardens in consultation with the Alexandra Hotel, which owns the land

### **Background**

1. Lyme Regis, like many coastal towns, has always suffered from steep and considerable hills making cycling the preserve of the extremely fit and limiting its local appeal as a mode of transport. In recent years, with the improvements in electric bicycle technology, the problems associated with topography have been substantially reduced and more people are choosing to bicycle to and from town.

### **Report**

2. The roads around Lyme Regis are, very generally, narrow and are seasonally extremely busy. The introduction of cycle lanes may not be feasible in many areas due to lack of highway space but officers could investigate the possibilities of their introduction with Dorset Council Highways.
3. One suggestion from a local resident was that Uplyme and Lyme Regis could be linked with a cycle path along the River Lim – from Windsor Terrace, via Bumpy field and Mill Lane. Achieving this would require significant ground works and cost in some areas to make it easily navigable by bicycle and require collaboration across the county boundary with the principal authorities and Uplyme Parish Council. And, not least, landowner consultation and cooperation. Members may wish to instruct officers to investigate the possibility further.

### **Bicycle Racks**

4. Dorset Council recently installed cycle racks on the walkway by the Rock Point Inn. At the time of discussions between the operations manager and ward member Cllr Daryl Turner, inspired by Cllr Smith's suggestion for more racks, it was felt that with limited space there was nowhere suitable towards the top of Broad Street. Cllr Smith has now suggested the entrance to Langmoor Gardens. The recessed area of pavement in front of the entrance pillars could be suitable and/or the recessed tarmac area in front of the memorial flowerbeds just inside the entrance gates – it should be noted this area is owned by the Alexandra Hotel.
5. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage

Operations manager  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Japanese Knotweed

### **Purpose of the Report**

To allow members to consider a solution to the problem of Japanese knotweed

### **Recommendation**

Members consider the approval of using a glyphosate-based product for the sole purpose of council gardening staff injecting into the stems to eradicate Japanese knotweed

### **Background**

1. The Health and Safety Committee discussed the weed killing issue in September 2018 and decided that the council should eliminate the use of glyphosate, as long as a suitable alternative could be found. The Human Resources Committee considered these minutes in the same month and concluded that as there was no credible alternative, and as long as the product continued to be licenced by the EU, the council would continue to use it but keep it under review.
2. At a meeting of the Town Management and Highways Committee on 26 June 2019 the council decided to stop using glyphosate-based products after several members of the public spoke about the impact of glyphosate products on the bee population, although there was some concern expressed by members about what substitute weed killing method could be employed. The council currently uses a pelargonic acid to control weeds – this method is much more expensive and requires numerous applications to be as effective as glyphosate.
3. In March 2015 the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) produced a report which detailed glyphosate as a probable carcinogen, increasing its previous rating as a 'possible carcinogen'. The product remained licenced in the EU, although this provoked much debate with some countries considering banning it. In 2017 the EU re-licenced glyphosate for another five years, as the scientific evidence was not compelling enough to ban it. The IARC consider eating pork, lamb or beef, or drinking coffee, to be probable carcinogens.
4. IARC carcinogenic classification groups are:
  - a. Causes cancer, e.g. smoking or eating processed meats
  - b. Probable Carcinogen, e.g. glyphosate or eating pork, lamb or beef
  - c. Possible Carcinogen, e.g. petrol
  - d. Not classifiable as a cause of cancer
  - e. Probably not a cause of cancer

### **Report**

5. Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) is an invasive non-native species which must be controlled under UK law. It is a weed with creeping roots that spreads rapidly. In winter the plant dies back to ground level but by early summer the bamboo-like stems emerge from rhizomes deep underground to shoot to over 2.1m (7ft), suppressing all other plant



growth. Eradication requires determination as it is very hard to remove by hand or eradicate with chemicals.

6. Under the provisions made within Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is an offence to cause Japanese knotweed to grow in the wild. The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 includes invasive non-native plants including Japanese knotweed. In short, the council is obligated to control this plant with the aim of eliminating it from council land.
7. There are two main areas affected in the Langmoor and Lister Gardens covering approximately 15m x 10m and 15m x 5m with the odd pocket of 1m of knotweed here and there.
8. Digging out this deeply penetrating plant without professional help, even if feasible, creates problems over disposal as Japanese knotweed is classed as 'controlled waste' under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This requires disposal at licensed landfill sites.
9. Specialist Japanese knotweed contractors must be registered waste carriers to safely remove the weed from site. Alternatively, it can be destroyed on site by allowing it to dry before burning. It normally takes at least three to four seasons to eradicate Japanese knotweed using strong weedkiller. Professional contractors will have access to very powerful weedkiller. Indicative quotations have been received and a four-year programme will cost between £8,000 and £10,000.
10. Alternatively, council gardening staff can tackle the issue over time, using an injection kit and glyphosate for around £500.
11. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** UN Sustainable Development Goals logo

### **Purpose of the Report**

To allow members to consider using the UN Sustainable Development Goals logo on council corporate material

### **Recommendation**

Members consider using the UN Sustainable Development Goals logo on council corporate material, for example on emails, documents and signs

### **Background**

1. Cllr Bawden has suggested that the town council use the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) logo on council corporate material, for example on emails, documents and signs.
2. The Member States of the United Nations adopted the SDGs by General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1 of 25 September 2015. The aim of this resolution is to achieve these 17 goals by 2030 with a view towards ending all forms of poverty, fighting inequalities and tackling climate change while ensuring no one is left behind.
3. Guidelines from the United Nations for the use of the UN SDG colour wheel logo and 17 icons are at the following link: [SDG Guidelines AUG 2019 Final.pdf \(un.org\)](#)

### **Report**

4. While the council may choose to use the logo and support the ideas and themes behind their introduction, a wider debate is required on the potential influence and remit that a town council has in supporting these international and national environmental initiatives and goals. That is not to say the town council level of local government has no influence at all, as it certainly does at the local level. This committee must be alive to what it can do, can support and can influence and lead on in the local community.
5. The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals are:
  - **No Poverty** – End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
  - **Zero Hunger** – End hunger and achieve food security, improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
  - **Good Health and Wellbeing** – Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.
  - **Quality Education** – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
  - **Gender Equality** – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
  - **Clean Water and Sanitation** – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
  - **Affordable and Clean Energy** – Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

- **Decent Work and Economic Growth** – Promote sustained inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
  - **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure** – Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.
  - **Reduced Inequalities** – Reduce inequality within and among countries.
  - **Sustainable Cities and Communities** – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
  - **Responsible Consumption and Production** – Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
  - **Climate Action** – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
  - **Life Below Water** – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
  - **Life on Land** – Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
  - **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
  - **Partnerships for the Goals** – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.
6. It was agreed by the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee in March 2020 to add the Plastic Free Lyme logo to the bottom of council emails and the council website; this has been implemented. The committee also discussed the Welcome to Lyme Regis signs and there was some concern about an overload of logos and wording on the signs. It was therefore agreed to have new signs with a plastic-free logo and to include the twin town of Jamestown, in addition to the existing information. This project has been put on hold due to Covid-19.
7. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** Queen's Green Canopy

### **Purpose of the Report**

To allow members to discuss the Queen's Green Canopy initiative

### **Recommendation**

Members consider options for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and:

- a. Consult DC about possible on-street planting
- b. Consult Magna Housing about planting around the Polish Airforce memorial
- c. Plant a 'Platinum Jubilee Avenue' on the Lister Gardens walkway to the wooden bridge
- d. Consult residents about planting around the perimeter of Anning Road playing field
- e. Any other options

### **Background**

1. Her Majesty The Queen has her Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique, UK-wide, tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.
2. With a focus on planting sustainability the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.
3. As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the QGC will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.
4. The launch of QGC took place on 17 May 2021 at the Royal Horticultural Society's Virtual Chelsea Flower Show and tree planting is expected to take place during the appropriate season between October 2021 and March 2022. The official QGC pack is at **appendix 12A**.

### **Report**

5. The Platinum Jubilee Working Group, on 15 June 2021, discussed possibilities for tree planting on-street or in the area surrounding the Polish Airforce memorial – these areas are not town council owned but Dorset Council and Magna Housing could be approached.
6. To further the discussion from the Platinum Jubilee Working Group, areas for planting on town council land could be decided.
7. In consultation with the gardening team, potential areas for planting on town council land are limited, but possible areas include;
  - Lister Gardens – an avenue of trees either side of the walkway to the wooden bridge (from the amenities end) – 26x taihaku great white cherry trees could be accommodated
  - Anning Road Playing Field perimeter – residents would need to be consulted

8. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2021

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 7 July 2021

**Title:** LRTC Net Zero Carbon 2030 – Strategic Top Ten Progress Report

**Purpose of the Report**

To report on progress towards the town council achieving Net Zero by 2030

**Recommendation**

Members note the report

**Background**

1. An Environmental Aspect Assessment was conducted in 2020 and reported to Full Council on 16 December 2020. In addition, a strategic plan for achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030 was conceived.

**Report**

2. The strategic plan conceived in 2020 is at **appendix 13A**. Members may wish to refamiliarise themselves with the plan.
3. Although the pandemic has led to a reduction in expenditure in project work through 2020 and 2021, it has not adversely affected progress towards the 2030 goal.
4. From the top 10 items; council agreed that by April 2022 we would have switched to greener energy tariffs and moved to a paperless agenda format for meetings by providing IT for members. These goals have already been largely achieved.
5. Looking forward to the next financial year 2022-23:
  - a. Lighting in the council office – this will be considered as part of the office refurbishment work towards the end of this year.
  - b. Water meters – an order has been placed for water meters for the installation project for the chalets and caravans at Monmouth Beach. This will allow us to track where leaks occur quickly.
  - c. Broad-feed Chipper and Kawsaki Mule replacement – the release of funding for project work is due to be discussed at the next Strategy and Finance committee.
  - d. Composting location options are being considered by the gardening team.
  - e. Rechargeable batteries are already being phased in for items requiring battery power such as computer mice and electronic fire-door closers.
  - f. A review and rationalisation of equipment will be undertaken to begin to remove unnecessary items of fossil fuel using equipment from the inventory.

6. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2021

## Carbon Net Zero by 2030 - Strategic Plan – Top Ten

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
<b>Vehicle Emissions</b>		Mule 8yrs old	Lengthsman Tipper 12yrs old	Tractor 15yrs old – or move to contractor w electric tractor	Ford Tipper – 9yrs old	Ford Courier – 10yrs old <b>All electric or equivalent</b>			
<b>Fuel / Oil / Garden Machinery</b>		No replacements. Reduction in numbers of items of fuel using equipment	No replacements. Reduction in numbers of items of fuel using equipment	Replace 4 items for electric or equivalent	Replace 4 items for electric or equivalent	Replace 4 items for electric or equivalent	Replace 4 items for electric or equivalent	Replace 4 items for electric or equivalent	Replace 4 items for electric or equivalent. <b>All electric or equivalent</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	<i>Switched in Nov 2020 to SSE green tariffs - 3yr deal</i>		Review and switch tariff if necessary		Solar Panels on buildings	Review and switch tariff if necessary			Review and switch tariff if necessary
<b>Fluorescent Lighting</b>		Office to LED	External Works facility to LED  Street Lights to LED x6	Amenities to LED  Street Lights to LED x6	Street Lights to LED x6	Street Lights to LED x6	Street Lights to LED x6	Street Lights to LED x6	Street Lights to LED x4
<b>Paper Use</b>	Member IT. No printed Agendas. ZatPermit online								
<b>Water Consumption</b>		Install Water Meters at chalets	Install Water Meters at chalets			Rainwater harvesting for council buildings			
<b>Bonfires</b>		Purchase broad feed chipper						Purchase electric or equivalent chipper	
<b>Green Waste</b>		Composting in compost bays in Lister Gardens							
<b>Gas</b>	<i>Switched in Nov 2020 to EDF net zero committed</i>		Switch Tariff/Provider to sustainable natural gas if possible			Monitor and switch tariff if necessary	Install Heat Pumps or equivalent for Guildhall & Office		Monitor and switch tariff if necessary
<b>Battery Use</b>		Switch to rechargeable batteries where possible		#	All electrical items use batteries charged from sustainable energy				



