

Draft Climate Action Plan Ideas	Summary									
1. Town Council Management		Budget	30-Jun	30-Sep-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
1.1 Review vehicle & equipment needs and where possible move to electric machines.	Proposals already submitted to the environment committee	£1,400	Review options to purchase battery hedge cutter	Trial battery tools and equipment	Develop budget proposals for further battery replacement and electric vehicle replacement. A report will be brought to this committee 08/10/25	Still reviewing Vehicles currently, lower spec 5K HiSun was reviewed and trialled Aug 26. Estimate £15,000 cost for used replacement electric vehicle. a report will be brought to this committee on 28 January 26				
1.2 Maintain an environmental monitoring system for the Town Council’s business & operations, including tracking carbon use.	Introduce a monitoring system to track carbon emissions by July 2025		Investigate monitoring systems, by seeking professional advice/consultants	Report update to Environment Committee 16/07/25. We intend to use the Low Carbon Dorset Toolkit - Carbon Footprinting Tool. This exercise will be brought to this committee on the 08/10/25	Low carbon Dorset have been contacted, in order to utilise 15 hours time credit - a report will be brought to this committee on 28 January 26					

1.3 Develop a system to monitor & review the Council's waste streams, with a view to reducing waste to XX% (to be agreed) of the baseline; recycle above 80% (to be agreed) of waste where reducing is impossible.	Introduce a policy and procedure by September 2025		Operations manager to review undertaking an audit of recycled office waste once a month	Introduce a policy and procedure to Environment committee 08/10/25	This has been reviewed and it involves resources to manage. Further consideration needs to be made . Report to be provided to this committee on 28 January 26					
1.4 Provide carbon literacy training for all LRTC staff and councillors and take the necessary steps to maintain accreditation status.	Training to take place end of May / June. Training provider SSC. Aim to provide training for all employees and members. Training for trainers to take place in June/July 2025.		Online training completed by 7. A further 14 members of staff attended the recent training event bringing the total to 21 members of staff trained in Carbon Literacy. No members attended the additional training event, so the total no of members trained remains at 4. Officers are considering offering members evening online training in Carbon literacy.	Training for the trainers by 30 July. Discussions with the training provider now indicate that there will not be any courses available until October /November.			Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
1.5 Move to a fully renewable energy electricity supply contract for LRTC.	90% our electric is from YU energy which is certified 100% enewable energy, 10% is supplied by EDF which is a low carbon energy company.		Complete				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering

1.7 Improve energy efficiency in all council buildings (or retrofit council buildings with energy saving measures)	Refurbishment and new builds comply with the latest building regulations on energy saving measures, i.e. Beach store, amenities hut and Cemetery lodge. Measures include, fitting PV panels to cover all electricity consumption and appropriate insulation in walls and loft cavities.		Complete				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
2. Managing our built environment										
2.1 Identify & implement energy reduction measures.	Replaced 39 streetlights to LED bulbs. Garden decorative lighting is LED. All newly refurbished and new buildings have LED lighting, sensor lights, electric heating fed from roof PV`s and all buildings meet current building regulations for insulation		LED lighting and light sensors to be introduced into the new offices. This was completed by June 25.				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
2.2 Identify options for reducing water use and harvesting rainwater.	LRTC have a water butt on the newly refurbished garden Pavillion, and plan to introduce water butts on the amenities hut and Cemetery lodge. Consideration will be given to move towards sensor taps		Purchase two large waterbutts for these locations. Waterbutts have been purchased and installed at the amenities hut and the garden pavillion. 3rd water butt to be purchased and installed at the Cemetery lodge by August	Work with SWW to capture rain water to avoid CSO`s. PW to attend update meeting from SWW on 28th July 25						
2.3 Apply sustainability measures to all new and refurbished LRTC buildings.	LRTC will continue to introduce sustainability measures as part of our Enviromental objectives such as, LED lighting in all buildings, and where possible introduce PV panels						Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering

2.4 Support local initiatives to promote community renewable energy schemes or take up of renewables by residents and businesses. Also working towards supporting the grid capacity to be able to achieve these.	LRTC will work with other organisations to promote schemes - Greener Open Homes, Solar Roofs and others.				promote through our social media platforms,website and notice boards					
2.5 Support local energy champions who carry out thermal surveys, promote better insulation and a switch away from fossil fuel useage in the home.	LRTC will work with and promote local energy champions				promote through our social media platforms,website and notice boards					
3. Protecting and enhancing the natural environment										
3.1 Garden organically and limit the use of chemicals to the essential where organic gardening is not time or cost-effective. Glyphosate products will only be used to tackle Japanese Knotweed and mares tail.	LRTC has an existing policy to ban the use of glyphosate. The policy has an exemption for Japanese Knotweed and Mares tail		Complete				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
3.2 Develop more drought resistant planting plans and continue to plant wild flower gardens and ensure plants in beds, borders and planters are pollinator friendly and where possible, sourced locally and grown organically.	LRTC currently source plants locally and employ drought tolerant planting		Complete				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
3.3 Set a target to increase biodiversity on council land in line with current government targets.	LRTC needs to consider and understand the governments targets for 2030 and 2050.				Consider bio-diversity assesment as 26/27 project					
3.4 Continue to plant more trees and identify sites for biodiverse tree planting and hedgerow restoration/enhancement.	LRTC have previously planted C500 whip trees gifted to us by The Word Forest Organisation, we have introduced wildlife corridors, supporting the great Dorset hedge and is due to embark on biodiversity projects. Opportunities for tree planting are limited on LRTC land. We will talk to other organisations about land availability.		Lyme Regis Town Councils green spaces offer no further opertunities for tree planting however we will continue to work with other organisations like Magna to review feasibillity	Discussions held with Woodroffe School to plant native and fruit trees in their communal areas. LTRC funding opportunity to support as our spaces limited.	Review initative for DT7 landowners to have opportunites to be provided trees for planting on their land					

4. Encouraging, educating and adopting environmental best practice										
4.1 Support Dorset Waste Services to increase the household & businesses recycling rate in Lyme Regis.	Meeting arranged with DC, business association and members on the 17 March 2025. LRTC has agreed to repost workplace recycling requirements and is considering reopening the Broad Street bin store.		Broad street bin store is being taken to TMH on 9 April 25 and will be considered at full Council on 14 May 25	Report to be submitted to the Environment committee for 16/07/25. Reverse vending machines, which are highly efficient recycling machines that are used by the general public to deposit empty, single-use beverage containers in return for a pre-paid deposit or non-monetary reward – for example, vouchers, discounts, credit, or charity donations.						
4.2 Work with community organisations like Turn Lyme Green and others to deliver community based environmental improvements.	We work with, promote and fund community organisations		Ongoing				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
4.3 Support public events aimed at raising awareness about opportunities for environmental improvements.	LRTC supports public events and uses its communicational channels to promote them		Ongoing as good practice				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering

4.4 Promote Lyme's status as a Plastic Free town and encourage more businesses to sign up.	LRTC supports a plastic free town		Ongoing through our social media platforms, website and shall be introducing regular features in LRTC`s magazine	Lyme Regis Town Council aim to reduce plastic via utilising a collection and refill solution for all cleaning products by Jan 2026			Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
5. Protecting local infrastructure										
5.1 Develop an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy to increase the number of charging facilities in LRTC car parks.	LRTC will contact National Grid to explore the possibilities of introducing additional charging points within our car parks		Further work required to understand demand for EV charging points and to establish the National Grids capacity in Lyme Regis	Update to the Environment Committee on the 16 July 25	Follow up with Jack Osbourne (National grid) to establish capacity at Monmouth beach carpark for additional EV chargers.					
5.2 Support & encourage local businesses to put sustainability at the heart of their operations.	LRTC will promote and encourage sustainability through meetings and briefings		Ongoing through our social media platforms, website and shall be introducing regular features in LRTC`s magazine - Example Fossil Festival promotion.	At event Management meetings, this will be promoted to the event organisers by LRTC			Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
5.3 Support the provision of a community town bus in Lyme Regis.	LRTC now has the Lyme Link bus service up and operational as from 7 May 2025		Complete							
5.4 Support the provision of a Park & Ride facility.	LRTC supports and underwrites the park and ride		Ongoing							

5.5 Where practical, promote essential services are retained in Lyme Regis.	Where practical LRTC supports essential services e.g., grant funding for the Post office, town bus, park and ride and grant funding for the food bank from April 2025		Ongoing as good practice				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
6. Supporting Sustainable Tourism										
6.1 Continue to provide and maintain a beach equipment recycling box.	Agree		Ongoing				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
6.2 Develop & promote a sustainable tourism vision for Lyme Regis.	LRTC will promote and encourage sustainable tourism			Produce a report to the Enviroment Committee, in consultation with TCP 8 October 25						
6.3 Work with Dorset Council to improve signage that reduces traffic congestion in the town.	Officers will contact DC and work with them to introduce improved signage within the town		To discuss at ward meeting on 29 April	Discussed at TMH as an agenda item for further review.	Consider as 26/27 project					
6.4 Promote sustainable transport and safe walking in and around the town to reduce the need for visitors (and residents) to use cars.	LRTC will promote the use of the town bus and park and ride facilities within the town to minimise congestion		Ongoing through our social media platforms, website and shall be introducing regular features in LRTC`s magazine				Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering	Review to confirm we are still delivering
7. Resilience & adaptation measures										
7.1 Maintain emergency plans to address and mitigate future challenges, e.g. Flooding, Storms, Power cuts, Blocked roads, Sea defence breaches	LRTC will continue to manage and review the emergency policy on a yearly basis				We review and publish our Emergency plan in November					

7.2 Work with partners to promote local food security, shortening supply chains and encouraging local food growing and production.	LRTC will encourage, advise and help promote local food growing and production through the garden growers bed and our local allotments		LRTC has the local community garden growers bed which has the sole purpose to produce and deliver food to local people. We will also look to support the Lyme Regis community café and food bank	Work with organisation Turn Lyme Green to review strategies and initiatives.						
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