

Saltash Town Council – Climate Change Strategy

At the meeting of the Full Council on 4th February 2021 it was resolved that:

1. STC acknowledge that there is a climate and Ecological Emergency which is having damaging effects both locally and globally.
2. STC commit to consider climate and ecological implications wherever relevant.
3. STC try to the best of their abilities to lead by example.

The Strategic Priorities state that the Town Council will continue to acknowledge a climate emergency and bring forward a local climate change strategy.

This document outlines the climate change strategy of the Town Council moving forward and the possible actions.

The following table summarises research by Ashden into the relative climate change benefits of a number of actions in the Friends of the Earth Climate Action Plan for councils. The outcomes may include reductions in greenhouse gases and also other benefits including health to the community.

Note: not all actions are easily measurable.

Action	Climate change	Other benefits	Affordability	STC Strategic Plan
Through procurement, ensure the local authority supply chain is minimising carbon emissions.	***			Climate emergency
Introduce measures to encourage cycling and walking.	**	Health		Climate emergency Health and wellbeing Travel and transport
Upgrade the insulation and heating systems of council buildings, taking advantage of grants and/or interest free finance available.	**	Economy, resilience		Climate emergency
Encourage car sharing and the use of alternative forms of transport	**			Climate emergency Travel and transport
Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in	**			Climate emergency

local authority owned buildings where permitted.				
Engage with schools to ensure meals are delivered in accordance with the official Eatwell Guide on healthy eating and the majority of options on menus are healthy and plant-based, with less and better meat.	*	Health		Climate emergency Health and wellbeing
Deliver a rapid transition of the council's own fleet to electric.	*			Climate emergency Travel and transport
Increase tree cover on council owned land.		Environment		Climate emergency Health and wellbeing
Support small and medium business enterprises to access funds and expertise for		Business		Climate emergency

reducing carbon pollution.				
Encourage and enable energy saving behaviour by all council staff.				Climate emergency
Ensure council's procurement strategy specified that low carbon lights and appliances are procured.				Climate emergency
Cut council's paper wasted by offering papers electronically.				Climate emergency
Improve air quality in council offices and buildings by use of green plants.				Climate emergency Health and wellbeing