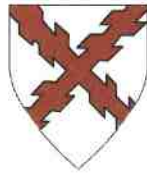


St Austell Town Council



Climate and Environment Committee

To: All Members of the Climate and Environment Committee
(Councillors: Cohen, Double, George, Guest, Hamilton, Lanxon, McDonagh, Nott, Pears, Styles, Thompson and Young).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **Climate and Environment Committee** to be held at **Council Chamber, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DR (Cornwall Council Offices)** on **Monday 4th July 2022 at 6pm.**

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27th June 2022

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AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chair**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chair**
- 3. Apologies for absence**
- 4. Declarations of Interest**

(Purpose: To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other non-registerable interests in respect of items on this agenda).

5. Dispensations

(Purpose: To receive requests for dispensations under the Code of Conduct).

6. Public participation (15 minutes maximum)

The Chairman will invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting.

15 minutes will be allocated for public participation (this can be extended at the Chairman's discretion). Each person addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of two minutes.

7. Minutes of Meeting held on 25th October 2021

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(Purpose: To agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record). (Attached).

8. Matters to note

(Purpose: A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting).

Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

9. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

(Purpose: To receive an update on the Cornwall Council LCWIP).

10. Climate Action St Austell (CASA)

(Purpose: To receive an update on the work of CASA). (Town Council's representative: Councillor Hamilton).

11. Climate Emergency Work Plan

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(Purpose: To receive an update on progress against the Climate Emergency Work Plan). (To follow).

12. Climate and Environmental Policy

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(Purpose: To review the Climate and Environmental Policy). (Attached).

13. St Austell Garden Festival

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(Purpose: To consider a Town Council presence at the Garden Festival on 3rd September 2022). (Poster attached).

14. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: To note the dates of the next meetings - 24th October 2022 and 23rd January 2023).

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2021 at the Council Chamber, St Austell Information Centre, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DR at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Cohen, George, Guest, Hamilton, Lanxon, McDonagh, Nott, Styles, Thompson and Young

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk), Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

CE/21/14) Apologies for absence

Councillors Double and Pears.

CE/21/15) Declarations of interest

None.

CE/21/16) Dispensations

None

CE/21/17) Public Participation

Mrs Earl thanked the Clerks for putting the Action Plan together and expressed CASA's support for the proposed climate awareness week at the library early next year. She applauded the tree planting and expressed a wish for a community tree planting project, possibly involving the schools. She advised that CASA is working hard to engage with the community to encourage everyone to do their bit.

CE/21/18) Minutes of Meeting held of 5th July 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CE/21/19) Matters to Note

The Clerk advised that he had nothing to add.

CE/21/20) Climate Change Festival – 27th November 2021

Councillor Hamilton outlined the proposed event at Cornwall College on the 27th December and asked if the Town Council wanted to be involved. During discussion Members agreed that they would like to organise a stand and display boards depicting the climate initiatives that the Town Council has achieved so far and its future plans. Councillors Hamilton, Guest, George, Young, Nott and Styles volunteered to help on the day on a rotational basis. It was suggested that in the spirit of reducing the use of plastic, the displays would not be laminated.

The Deputy Clerk referred Members to a grant application from Cornwall Council seeking a contribution towards the event in the sum of £250. It was noted that the total cost of the event is projected to be in the region of £1600 with a contribution of £1,000 from Cornwall Council's Carbon Neutral Team. Other Town and Parish Councils within the Local Community Network areas have been asked to contribute.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The Town Council should be represented at the Climate Change Festival at Cornwall College on the 27th November 2021, the format of which to be agreed by Councillors Hamilton, Guest, George, Young, Nott and Styles in consultation with the Town Clerk;
2. A sum of £250 be granted to Cornwall Council towards the costs involved.

CE/21/21) Climate Emergency Work Plan

The Deputy Clerk advised that she had updated the Climate Emergency Work Plan and drew attention to the Town Council's key achievements, current projects and future initiatives. During discussion, Members raised a question on the number of trees that have been planted, the potential for a community orchard at the Stable Block and the status of the repairs to the water fountain at the Holy Trinity Church.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the updated Climate Emergency Work Plan.

CE/21/22) Priory Car Park – Electric Vehicle Charging Points

The Clerk explained that Cornwall Council has received significant funding to instal rapid charging points in their car parks, but they are reluctant to include Priory Car Park in the project because it is leased to the Town Council. He explained that he has approached 2 other potential providers, Instavolt and Pod Point to see what they could provide but only Pod Point has come back with an offer to instal Fast Charging Points. He added that he has been in contact with Jeremy Roberts from Mevagissey who has fast charging points in his car park and is currently exploring rapid charging. Western Power has indicated informally that they believe that there is a sufficient supply on the edge of Priory Car Park to power rapid charging points.

During discussion, Members expressed their disappointment that Cornwall Council, despite being the owner of the freehold, is reluctant to include Priory Car Park in their project and asked that a letter be written to the project lead at Cornwall Council explaining that the town has been identified as a priority for regeneration and that they should resolve the legal issues to allow Priory Car Park to be included in the project.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council requesting that as freeholders of the car park, they should resolve the anticipated legal issues and include Priory Car Park within the project.

CE/21/23) Cornwall Council – E-Bike Trial

The Clerk advised that following an early pilot in Falmouth, Cornwall Council is intending to undertake further e-bike hire pilot schemes in Truro, Penzance and St Austell. At a recent working group, it was suggested that potential locations for e-bike stations could be at Wheal Martyn, Eden, Heligan, Railway Station, Priory Car Park, Cornwall College, Polkyth Leisure Centre, Charlestown and the library. The tender process is due to start in November with a contract awarded after Christmas and a start date in the summer of 2022.

Arising from a question, the Clerk confirmed that there was expected to be 8 e-bike stations and 20 e-bikes.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the initiative.

CE/21/24) Cornwall Council – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

The Clerk advised that the LCWIP being developed by Cornwall Council will cover a 10 year period and is needed to apply for funding from the Department of Transport Active Travel Fund. He added that Section 106 funding will pay for the cost of production of the plan and that bids had been received and are being evaluated to complete the work. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in November, commence early in 2022 and have a delivery timescale of approximately six months.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the initiative.

CE/21/25) Ocean Housing Plans for more efficient homes

Councillor Hamilton advised that following concern amongst Members regarding the selling of Ocean property, the Clerk had arranged for Mr David Hooper, Head of Neighbourhood Services from Ocean Housing, to an informal Zoom meeting to which all Members had been invited.

Mr Hooper advised at the meeting that Ocean needed to raise £40M to bring their housing stock up to Government energy efficient set standards and that as far as possible, the houses sold will not be occupied. Each house that becomes vacant will be assessed as to how much work is required to bring it up to standard and if deemed too expensive will be put on the open market.

During discussion Members raised the following issues:

- The loss of social house
- The apparent lack of replacement housing
- The potential for Cornwall Council to buy the properties
- The use of unsuitable temporary accommodation for homeless people
- The number of empty properties in the town

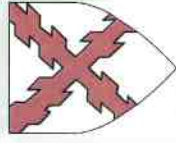
It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write to Ocean Housing copying in the portfolio holder at Cornwall Council expressing the Town Council's concerns and suggesting that Cornwall Housing should investigate the purchase of Ocean Housing properties that come onto the market.

CE/21/26) Dates of Meetings

It was suggested that the next meeting should be held in three months' time.

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.

St Austell Town Council



Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020 – 2022

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Implement new in-house waste management function.	Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Operations Manager Finance and General Purposes Committee	March 2020	New arrangements implemented utilising existing staff with reduced travel compared to previous contract.	Yes.
Explore the potential to purchase energy from renewable sources for Priory Toilets, Poltair Park and town centre electric point.	Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	Sept 2022	Library and Poltair Park electrical supplies to be negotiated with renewable energy companies when the market stabilises.	Priory Toilets/Town centre electrical points and street lights completed.

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Develop a tree planting programme to compliment the Forest for Cornwall	Operations Manager Council	April 2020/ongoing	10 new semi-mature trees planted since October 2021. All trees planted are logged with Forest for Cornwall. A number of trees have been brought on and some are still being brought on at the Town Council's nursery.	
Installation of a polytunnel to allow the re-cycling of plants and growing on of trees/shrubs and creation of a tree nursery.	Operations Manager Community Committee	December 2020	400 shrubs and plants grown from seed during Jan-May 2022, and a rotating stock of 12-14 trees in the nursery area	October 2021. Polytunnel installation complete.
Replacement of external lights at The Stable Block with low energy LED lights Replacement of internal lights in the Committee Room at the Stable Block with low energy LED lights	Operations Manager Community Committee Operations Manager Community Committee	February 2021 November 2021		Complete.
Installation of rainwater harvesting facility at Alexandra Road allotments	Operations Manager Community Committee	February 2021		Complete

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Establish a small grants scheme for community climate change initiatives or amend existing scheme.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	February 2021	Existing grant criteria reviewed to encourage climate emergency projects.	Complete.
Review horticulture service/employ a horticultural apprentice dependent on workloads.	Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk/ Operations Manager Council	February 2021/ongoing	2 apprentices employed with effect from February 2021. Both apprentices are now Chapter 8 accredited.	Apprenticeships complete. Now permanent staff.
Trial of an organic foam based weed solution in the Town Council's parks and car park.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Spring 2021/ongoing	Due to a successful trial, the foam based weed solution will be used in Poltair Park, Truro Road Park and Priory Car Park in November 2021 and March 2022. March 2022 treatment completed and 2 nd scheduled for November 2022	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Engage with GI4G to maximise improvements in biodiversity through "making space for nature"	Town Clerk/Operations Manager Community Committee	March 2021/ongoing	A391 scheme The Meadows Scheme Cemetery Park project	All projects complete and in maintenance phase. Community events continuing to be held at Cemetery Park and The Meadows.
Development of a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk/Operations Manager Community Committee	March 2021/ongoing	Signed off by Council 22.03.21. Review of policy in Summer 2022.	
Develop Environmental Policy based on good practice identified by Cornwall Council.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	April 2021/ongoing	Signed off by Council 12.04.21. Review of policy in July 2022.	
Enter one or more parks in the South West in Bloom Pride in Parks competition to demonstrate environment initiatives.	Operations Manager/Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	May 2022/ongoing	Covid permitting, Poltair Park and The Meadows will be entered into the 2022 SW in Bloom Pride in Parks competition.	Poltair Park has been entered in the 2022 competition

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Assist Community Groups to enter SWIB In Your Neighbourhoods	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	July 2022	Community Groups provided opportunity to enter IYN competition 2022.	SALSA entered.
Install re-cycling bins	Operations Manager Finance & General Purposes Committee	May 2022/ongoing	Poltair Park café now under new management and open for business Internal recycling bins will be added during summer 2022	
Encourage the Town Heritage scheme to deliver a bottle refill facility at the church fountain	Town Clerk Community Committee	Sept 2021/ongoing	Contract let to Cormac. Works almost complete.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Assist the St Austell BID with SWIB BID entry	Operations Manager Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	July 2022	Town Council grounds maintenance staff assisted the BID with the tidying up of the flower beds and accompanied the judges during their visit to the town. Gold Award achieved. Resource will be allocated to assist the BID in July 2022.	
Lobby Government and Cornwall Council to introduce subsidised retrofit programmes for housing in deprived areas	Town Clerk Council	December 2021	No progress to date.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Improve planting in Bethel Park.	Operations Manager Council	June 2022 December 2021	Expression of interest submitted for CIL funding for Bethel Park. Pedestrian access to the park complete.	
Lobby for improvements to public transport and more flexible hopper/community bus service	Town Clerk Council	Ongoing	Revitalization Partnership to consider as part of the revitalisation works.	
Procure re-cycled paper for St Austell Library and the office.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	Due to the costs involved, re-cycled paper is procured on a small scale at the present time.	
Review management and ownership of Gover Woods	Town Clerk Finance & General Purposes Committee	-	Considered by Council - decision deferred.	Woods sold to a private individual.

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Explore ways to reduce paper production.	Town Clerk Council	March 2022/ongoing	A trial undertaken with the previous administration where 10 Councillors agreed not to receive paper copies of agendas. Will explore with the new administration in the near year. Not yet progressed.	
Explore the potential to purchase energy from renewable sources as existing contracts end for the library	Town Clerk Finance & General Purposes Committee	September 2022	Contract ends September 2022. Will review at that time.	
Street Lights. Explore energy saving measures for Town Council owned street lights.	Operations Manager Finance & General Purposes Committee	-	Town Council street lights being replaced with LED's on a phased basis.	
Community Engagement	Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	Ongoing	Working closely with Climate Action St Austell (CASA). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing banking facilities until organisation are constituted • Donated tabards 	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Reduce "on time" for the town centre Christmas Lights to save energy and reduce light pollution.	Deputy Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	December 2021/ongoing	St Austell BID Board to consider the lights being switched off between 2am and 7am. Reduced hours implemented December 2021.	
Review composting arrangements and explore the potential to develop own compost.	Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	Spring 2022/ongoing	Orchard Car Park identified as a potential site to create formal composting bays. Operational Logistics and permissions required to be re-visited winter 2021. With the nursery now established, the OM is looking at ways this can be incorporated into the nursery area	
Explore carbon accounting for Town Council activities.	Town Clerk Climate & Environment Committee	December 2021/ongoing	Potential solution identified. Insufficient resource currently to complete project. Still to be progressed.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Investigate and consider installing electric charging point(s) in Priory Car Park	Town Clerk Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	February 2022/ongoing	Cornwall Council has confirmed that Priory Car Park is one of the sites to be considered for EV charging points. Awaiting outcome of power supply survey.	
Explore potential for a cycling facility at The Meadows	Operations Manager Community Committee	February 2022	Project deferred due to budget cuts, limited grant funding and lack of resource.	
In order to reduce the need for cash collection, explore the installation of a contactless payment system on at least one of the car park payment machines in Priory Car Park.	Town Clerk Finance & General Purposes Committee	April 2022/ongoing	Town Council approval obtained for the installation of two contactless payment systems at Priory Car Park. New mobile telephone payment system installed (Pay 2 Park). Very well received and working well. Contactless still being explored.	October 2021
Consider suitable buildings for photovoltaic panels and explore viability	Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	May 2023	Priory Car Park Toilets identified. Suitability to be determined. Will review resource implications at next budget round.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Consider how best to engage with the town's residents to raise awareness of climate change issues.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	27.11.21 Spring 2022	Cornwall Council organising a climate festival on 27.11.21. Town Councillors will be encouraged to attend the event to communicate the Town Council's environmental achievements and future projects. Town Council to organise a climate awareness week at the library early next year.	
Enhancement of current wildflower areas	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Wildflower areas maintained at: Penwinnick Road, Daniels Lane, The Meadows and Trenowah Road.	
Installation of new wildflower areas	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Jubilee wildflower areas seeded at: Cosgarne Triangle, Bethel Park and Woodland Road.	
Identify opportunities for green/climate emergency projects through the Town Revitalisation Partnership	Town Clerk Council	Ongoing	Cycling opportunities postponed until the LCWIP work and e-bike pilot have been completed.	

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Follow a buy local policy to support local businesses and reduce miles travelled by goods.	All officers Council	Ongoing	Unless mitigating factors prevail, local suppliers and contractors are used.	
Improvement of Multi Use Trails	All officers Council	Ongoing	Working Group resurrected. Signage improved at Tremena Gardens, Drummers Hill, East Hill and Sandy Hill courtesy of Rotary Club in partnership with the Town Council. Sustrans have improved some town centre signage. Trails monitored and improvement works identified on a regular basis.	
Provision for re-cycling	Deputy Town Clerk Council	Ongoing Spring 2022	Contract held with Biffa. Recycling of cardboard and plastics on a fortnightly basis for both the office and library. Space being created to allow the distribution of re-cycling boxes from the library	

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
To keep grass cutting, wildflower and tree planting policies under review to support pollinators and carbon sequestration.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Parks and Open Spaces Strategy completed. Public reaction being monitored.	
Provision of battery operated grounds maintenance equipment	Operations Manager Community Committee	Spring 2022	Exploration of battery operated leaf blowers.	
Engagement with young people to encourage environmental issues	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	Litter picks in Poltair Park and new litter bin purchased for the park on the recommendation of Young People Cornwall.	
Efficiency of operating the Town Council's Public conveniences at Priory Car Park	Operations Manager Finance and General Purposes Committee	Ongoing	Local cleaning contractors appointed to reduce travel	June 2021
Environmental activities with regard to Town Council maintained public rights of way	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Increased cuts procured on Alexandra Road to Carlyon Road to encourage more walking. Small scale nature reserves created at Manfield Way and The Meadows.	August 2021 Summer 2021

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Creation of Truro Road Park - Friends Group	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Truro Road Friends Group recently resurrected in June 2022 and actively seeking improvement projects for the park.	
Landrew Road community garden	Operations Manger Community Committee	Ongoing	Growing group of volunteers at the garden. Compost toilet created, covered area erected utilising re-claimed wood and regular composting at the site	
Planning & Regeneration Committee to look favourably on planning applications where it can be demonstrated that consideration has been given to the impact the proposal has on the environment and mitigating actions put in place.	Town Clerk Planning & Regeneration Committee	Ongoing	Planning & Regeneration Committee - 04.10.21 A lack of renewable energy/ electrical vehicle charging points for a proposed development of 24 apartments at High Cross Street identified as an issue and communicated back to Cornwall Council.	

St Austell Town Council



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Adopted at Full Council on: 12th April 2021
Minute Reference: C/19/323
Policy Review Date: April 2022

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 St Austell Town Council recognises that a healthy environment is fundamental to the prosperity and wellbeing of our local community. The Council acknowledges that whilst some of our activities may have adverse effects on the environment, we can take steps to minimise those impacts.

1.2 The Council considers that the environment is important and complies with environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice where relevant.

1.3 The Council will continue to make a positive contribution to environmental growth by protecting and enhancing its assets where it can.

2. AIMS OF POLICY

2.1 The aims of the St Austell Town Council Climate & Environmental Policy are:

- To increase environmental growth across the Town Council's responsibilities and assets for the benefit of the local community.
- To promote the importance and value of a quality environment, and to support local people in their enjoyment of it.
- To carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises its adverse impact on our environment.
- To promote the development of a Circular Economy.

3. LIST OF POLICIES

Climate Change

The Town Council has declared a climate emergency and will work to be carbon neutral by 2030. We will set out plans for immediate and long-term actions to reach this goal which include:

- Encouraging staff to switch off electrical equipment and unnecessary lights when not in use.
- Encouraging staff to close windows and external doors when the heating is on.
- Encouraging staff to minimise the use of electric heaters and fans.
- Introducing phased replacement of existing lighting with LED bulbs in Council premises.
- Introducing phased replacement of electrical equipment used on Council premises with products of maximum energy efficiency rating.
- Switching to 100% renewable energy tariffs for electricity on Council premises.

- Resources permitting, the phased replacement of non-renewable heating sources (oil, gas fired systems) with renewables.
- Resources permitting, investing in electric car charging points.
- Resources permitting, retrofit buildings with energy saving measures (glazing, roof insulation).
- The continuance of natural climate change solutions (such as tree planting and rewilding) on Council assets.
- A carbon accounting audit to assess the Council's current emissions.
- The implementation of measures to track the Council's carbon footprint over time.

Nature and Wildlife

The Town Council is committed to increasing opportunities for nature to thrive on the assets it owns or manages. Environmental growth will be achieved by:

- Protecting and enhancing the quality and extent of the natural environment in the Town Council's area.
- Supporting the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams in the Town Council's area.
- Managing the Town Council assets (including public rights of way, play areas, woodland, open spaces and verges) in a manner that protects and increases biodiversity.
- Introducing environmental growth opportunities and activities, as appropriate, on Town Council assets.
- Banning the release of balloons/sky lanterns from Town Council land and events.

[Parks and Open Spaces Strategy - Approved 22nd March 2021.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

[Grass Cutting Policy - 21.10.19.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

[Tree Planting Policy.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

[Green Spaces Audit and Management Plan - Approved 22nd March 2021compressed.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

Pesticide Use

The Town Council is committed to phasing out the use of pesticides on assets we own or manage (with the exception of use for the control of Schedule 9 plants under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, such as Japanese Knotweed, or

where it is used to reduce material risks to asset integrity) and is exploring alternatives.

Sustainable Travel

The Town Council will:

- Encourage members and officers to car-share, where possible, when a car journey must be made on Council business.
- Promote and support the use of cycling, public footpaths and public transport.
- Ensure all Council vehicles are serviced and maintained to a high standard.
- Explore the use of electric powered vehicles where this is an affordable workable alternative.

Water Management

The Town Council is committed to responsible water management and conservation throughout its operations, which include:

- Encouraging staff, allotment holders and hirers to use water efficiently on Council premises.
- Installing water butts as a non-drinking water source where possible.
- Ensuring staff and users are aware of which materials can be disposed of in waste water.
- Promoting and supporting natural solutions to reduce/reuse surface water run-off in St Austell.

Waste and Re-cycling

The Town Council will:

- Keep waste to a minimum by preventing, reusing, recycling or recovering waste.
- Ensure waste is sorted, stored and disposed of appropriately.
- Cease use of single-use plastics on Council premises and events.
- Recycle all recyclable waste (where practicable) generated at Council premises and events.
- Promote and encourage recycling across St Austell.
- Use recyclable, compostable and/or recycled products on Council premises.

- Reduce the production of non-recyclable resources such as laminated or plastic based publicity material.
- Minimise the amount of printing and minimise the amount of waste paper.
- Observe our duty of care conscientiously within our waste contracts.
- Utilise electronic communications; councillors to use an opt-in scheme for printing paper documents.
- Minimise and prevent pollution where possible (including light, noise, solids, liquids and chemicals).
- Use composting facilities where possible.

Development

The Town Council will:

- Favour planning applications where the applicant can demonstrate a biodiversity net gain.
- Favour planning applications where buildings are constructed with high levels of sustainability.

Responsible and Sustainable procurement

The Town Council will:

- Source materials and services locally so long as the requirements for value for money and quality are met.
- Ensure that timber, or similar products, used by the Council will be from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified sources.
- Ensure that the evaluation processes for the procurement of goods and services are weighted appropriately to encourage local suppliers thereby promoting the Circular Economy.

Awareness, Lobbying and Partnerships

The Town Council will:

- Promote awareness of, and information about, environmental issues within the community.
- Support, and act as a voice for, local environmental concerns within the community.
- Ensure that all individuals involved in the organisation (including contractors) are aware of their responsibilities in implementing this environmental policy.

- Work with partners, where appropriate, to increase environmental growth within St Austell.

Energy Use

The Town Council will:

- Undertake an audit of its existing energy use.
- Produce a plan on how the Council's energy use can be reduced.
- Procure energy from sustainable sources if economically sound to do so.
- Maximise the use of wind and solar energy on its premises if economically sound to do so.
- Promote use of renewable energy in St Austell.

Circular Economy

The Town Council will:

- Develop policies that encourage the development of a Circular Economy in St Austell.
- Promote and encourage the use of local suppliers in procurement policies.

Review

This policy and its application will be subject to annual review to ensure that it continues to reflect the aims and objectives of St Austell Town Council and promotes continuous environmental improvement throughout the Council's operations.

Garden Festival

St Austell Town Centre

If you sell or make anything garden related pitches are available.



ALL PITCHES ARE FREE!

You will need a table and some form of protection from the elements. i.e. gazebo/parasol/umbrella.

For further details contact: St Austell BID
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