

Hay Town Council – Climate emergency action plan

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Hay Town Plan – existing actions

The existing Hay Town Plan includes a number of actions that relate to climate change and carbon reduction. These are outlined below, by the topic areas used in the plan. Some actions span two or more topic areas.

YOUTH

- Potential involvement of youth group or individuals in Net Zero Hay

HOUSING

- Affordable housing increasingly needs to be affordable to heat – ensure developments include appropriate energy savings/generation measures.
- Activities to signpost residents to energy efficiency support schemes for housing improvements
- Work with BBNPA to provide advice and guidance to homeowners on energy efficiency improvements within Conservation Area(s)

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Building assessments should include energy use, energy saving measures and energy generation potential.
- New community facilities should be energy efficient, water efficient and include solar PV where possible.

TOURISM

- Park and ride for festival reduces reliance on private cars
- Potential for better walking/cycling routes to festivals
- Secure bike storage in Town or bike hub (see Talybont on Usk bike hub)
- Energy efficiency advice and surveys for tourism/hospitality providers
- Information for visitors on public transport, walking and cycling to promote car-free visits to Hay.

REGENERATION

- Cycle and walking routes
- Secure bike storage
- Improvements to green infrastructure including sustainable drainage, greenspace and action of pollinators
- Ensure management of greenspace promotes biodiversity and sustainable drainage
- Business hub to include energy efficiency and establish local supply chains
- Local market development

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES

- Energy efficiency survey and implement measures for public conveniences

- Asset transfer assessments to include energy performance
- Review Solar PV canopy for Hay Car Park and develop financing models
- Feasibility of allotments or community growing space

ENVIRONMENT

- Support/develop local environmental groups and activities
- LED street lights and operational hours reduction

PARKING

- EV provision extended as demand requires, including for residential areas.

RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES

- Online delivery hub to reduce delivery mileage

OLDER CITIZEN

- Communications network to include energy efficiency and signposting to support

TRAVEL

- Sustainable transport working group
- Promote local bus use/community travel scheme

[Other potential community actions](#)

As the Hay Town Plan predates the declaration of a Climate Emergency, specific climate measures were not included. The list above shows that many action identified in the plan provide some benefit to carbon reduction and sustainability.

- Energy audits of community buildings, service providers, clubs and other community facilities.
- Review management of greenspaces to reduce mowing and promote biodiversity.
- Review of potential renewable energy opportunities across the Town
- Engage with business communities and service providers to determine what support is required
- Identify areas for new tree planting

[Potential Hay Town Council actions](#)

Town Councils can play a significant leadership role by reducing carbon impacts through their operations. Some suggested actions would be:

- Work with other Town and Community Councils on collaborative climate action.
- Encourage the inclusion of renewable generation, energy efficiency and water efficiency when responding to planning applications.
- Councillors to undertake training on renewable technologies, climate change process, local climate impacts.
- Contact other Town and Community Councils that have undertaken climate action projects.
- Energy audits of council buildings

- Implement energy reduction measures
- Paperless working
- Review procurement for sustainable goods
- Review energy supply contracts and switch to 100% renewable
- Reduce waste e.g. refills for soap, paper towels, etc
- Recycle any waste
- Ensure contractors provide information on sustainable practices and waste when undertaking procurement

The actions for Hay Town Council remain as suggestions only. Future development of a Hay Town Council climate action plan is at the discretion of the Town Council and only once necessary process and agreement in Council is reached.