



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC23/032

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	20 th September 2023
Author:-	Martin Hammond, Clerk and Cllr Emily Fedorowycz as Climate Change Champion
Report Title:-	Climate Change priorities
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To seek views on proposed priorities for climate change mitigation

2. Recommendations

That the committee considers the recommendations of the climate change champion set out below.

3. Information

3.1. At the last meeting of this committee, it was agreed that a report detailing potential climate change actions be submitted in order for them to be prioritised.

3.2. Cllr Fedorowycz has drawn up the list below and put it into a suggested priority order. The matrix in appendix one below sets out how she calculated a proposed priority order.

- Promote Wild Spaces / Community Nature Reserve
- Do A2/A3 board of how to build a pond for events (similar to our boards that show what we do as a council, or our budget breakdown) – local groups may wish to partner on creating these (e.g. Wildlife Trust / River Trust / Natural Ise)
- Incentivise businesses with an award or badge
- Grants for eco projects (as done in 22/23)
- Create activity badges for each project, with scout and guide groups
- Fruit and veg exchange & seed exchange

- Purchase thermal cameras to loan (if this is considered, consider purchasing air quality measuring devices and water testing kits as part of the same loaning project)
- Community composting, partnering with NNC

3.3 The most impactful and affordable activities proposed by Cllr Fedorowycz are suggested to be

- Running the Biodiversity Competition again, for these things
- Fruit and veg exchange and seed exchange
- Purchase thermal cams to loan out – if this is considered, consider purchasing air quality measuring devices and water testing kits as part of the same loaning project
- Community composting, partnering with NNC
- Incentivise businesses with an award or badge – e.g. set up a Kettering Carbon Neutral Charter with our own badge and reward for businesses if they pledge to certain values and work to achieve X Y and Z

3.4. Where possible, empowering others to take on some of this work will spread workload and increase ownership. We could suggest to local nature groups that they apply for grant funding to do some educational boards for “green” interventions.

4. Consultation and Engagement

Some of these activities are longer term and can be consulted on as part of the budget consultation in November.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

There is £3000 in this year’s budget, currently unspent, and a proposed £4000 in 2024/5 budget.

6. Climate change implications

The proposed actions in this report will clearly help satisfy the council’s policies on climate change mitigation.

Background Papers

None

	Low cos	Effective	Reach /	Env im	Difficult	Total	Notes
Incentivising businesses with an award or badge	4	5	5	5	4	23	Workplace greening – green walls & planters – Join the ‘Kettering Biodiversity Charter’, something to join with a badge that they can promote, extra incentive. Free resource packs for employees
Incentivise members of the public with a free starter kit	3	3	5	4	4	19	
Fruit and veg exchange & seed exchange	4	4	5	3	5	21	
Kettering Community Orchard	2	2	4	4	3	15	
Transport – create a version of 'Beat the Street'	2	5	5	5	4	21	ON HOLD A trial underway with one school, if successful we can revisit
Bee posts – visual	4	3	5	3	4	19	
Create badges for each project with scout and guide groups	5	5	5	3	4	22	
Offer solar PV grants for community centres – Burton has Burton Wold Fund	1	1	2	3	4	11	
Buy showcase sedum tile for events with A1 board to explain how to do it	3	3	4	3	5	18	
Do A1 board of how to build a pond for events	5	5	4	5	5	24	
Community composting – NNC	4	4	5	4	3	20	
Fund some green job apprenticeships	1	1	2	4	2	10	
Thermal cams	3	5	4	4	4	20	£300 approx per camera - could also empower Groundwork to buy one and hire out for free. They have an energy advisor
Air quality monitors	3	4	4	3	4	18	
Water quality testing kits	3	4	4	3	4	18	
Promote wild spaces / Community nature reserves	5	5	5	5	4	24	
Grants for eco projects	2	5	5	5	5	22	
Working with market stalls to stop selling plastic (with a view to banning them at our	5	4	5	3	2	19	
Grants to encourage people to do their own green roofs	2	3	3	3	5	16	