



REPORT FOR DECISION

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Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	2023
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Report Title:-	Climate Change Update
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To provide a monthly update on climate change activities

2. Recommendations

That the report be noted.

That attendance on the training course detailed below be considered

3. Information

3.1. The Love Wildlife Grants have now all been paid and details placed on the website; we will seek regular updates from the recipients about the progress of their projects and given them good coverage on social media, on the website and in the press.

3.2. The Society of Local Council Clerks have teamed up with a charity called the Carbon Literacy Project. Their new Carbon Literacy Parish, Town and Community Councils Toolkit Course aims to help to equip councillors and officers to deliver net zero. Their advertising material says:-

Engaging the local community, sharing knowledge and expertise, and showcasing best practice is crucial to addressing the scale and urgency of the climate emergency and meeting net zero targets.

The Carbon Literacy Project have developed a Toolkit Course enabling councillors and officers to be trained in a day's worth of learning and action planning. This Toolkit Course sits within the Local Authorities Toolkit suite. As of January 2023, over 8400 Local Authority staff have been certified as Carbon Literate across 235 councils, following the launch of the Generic Staff, Elected Members and Leadership and Management Toolkit Courses.

The initial development of this Toolkit Course was funded by the UK Government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The materials are available for certified Carbon Literacy training within Parish, Town and Community Councils. Carbon Literacy provides Parish, Town and Community Councils with the opportunity to integrate climate change into their decision making, lead by example, and cascade environmentally sustainable and socially responsible values to galvanise action in their communities. The Toolkit Course will ensure councillors and officers understand the urgency and scale of the climate emergency, and develop an awareness of which actions will have the greatest impact in the drive to achieve net zero emissions. It will also empower councillors and officers to support local people to make informed choices and act in their local community's best interests.

A panel of councils have co-created, reviewed and piloted the materials, ensuring the latest and best sectoral materials are used. The Toolkit Course consists of slides, activity resources, a comprehensive trainer manual and a 'getting started' pack.

There will be support for all councils who wish to deliver Carbon Literacy in the optimising of the material for their bespoke needs and in identifying external training capacity should that be needed. Trainer training will also be resourced if there is demand.

- 3.3. As part of this, a workshop, delivered by Save Our Shropshire, is for Parish & Town councillors and clerks who want a practical understanding of how to tackle the Climate Emergency within their community to demonstrate you have the knowledge to organise the response to the Climate Emergency in your parish or town council. This workshop has been developed based on an upcoming Toolkit from The Carbon Literacy Project. It is split into two sessions: 9th & 16th May (9:00-13:00).

4. Consultation and Engagement

None at this stage

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

The 2 day course costs £120. It could be met from the member training budget.

6. Climate change implications

This could help set policies and actions for the future on climate change

7. Policy Implications

As above.

