



Climate Change Policy

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1. Introduction

Following the declaration of the national Climate Change emergency, the Government has set a target for the United Kingdom of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. To help achieve this target, Fleet Town Council will be working in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council with its own target to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2035.

Hampshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019. Two targets have been set for the County Council, and these also apply to Hampshire as a whole:

- *To achieve Carbon neutrality by 2050*
- *To build resilience to the impacts of a two degree temperature rise.*

These targets will be achieved by taking a joined-up approach, by addressing carbon reduction and climate change resilience together.

Hart District Council has formally recognised the serious impact of climate change globally and the need for urgent action and has set a target to be a carbon neutral authority by 2035 (brought forward from 2040) and a carbon neutral district by 2040.

Its main objectives are to deliver zero carbon emissions from its operations and to provide community leadership to deliver a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions across the District.

Fleet Town Council recognizes its role in making Fleet Town carbon neutral by 2035 providing community leadership and communication.

2. Aims

To reduce the Council's own carbon emissions and achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2035.

3. Actions

- To eliminate non-essential single use plastic within the Council's operations
- To encourage all Council suppliers, to reduce their carbon footprint e.g. Grounds maintenance, building contractors etc
- Request that all FTC tenants take measures to reduce their own carbon footprint
- Continue to replace and increase the amount of greening within Fleet in line with the recently adopted Fleet Neighbourhood Plan which includes environmental measures e.g. Replacement of any tree that is removed
- Research all opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint in all our buildings
- Encourage all waste to be recycled
- Lobby higher tier councils to improve waste collection and recycling eg food waste, more plastics recycling.
- To review council policies to consider climate change impacts on decisions.