

Appendix B(i)

CURRENT ACTIONS WHICH SUPPORT THE CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA

Members were asked to brainstorm, in groups, what they felt the Council was presently doing to address climate change and how each aspect fitted into the Council's Priorities. Following on from the brainstorming session, Members were then asked to identify which 10 issues they perceived to be the most important. The following tables represent the outcome of the brainstorming session along with the scoring (please note that Members were able to vote more than once for one issue if they felt it necessary):-

CP1 – Affordable Homes		CP2 – Good Jobs	
Insulating grants	14	High tech workshops in energy efficient new buildings	5
Encouraging new build with emphasis on energy conservations	8	Small units being built for local people - reduces travelling	5
Grant process for renovation of existing properties	8	Encouraging some staff to work from home	3
Housing – change to building regulations to take account of higher/lower temperature ranges. Compare other countries with large temperature range	7	Encouraging people to 'buy locally', eg farmer markets (also applies to CP4)	3
Encouraging Energy Efficient Housing	4	Encouraging people to take holidays here as opposed to travelling abroad	2
Holne Parish Council – exploring ways to get finance for heat/cold efficient houses for affordable letting/shared ownership	1		
Energy Efficiency Schemes – mainly lost protection etc (referrals)	0		

CP3 – Retain Character		CP4 – Clean District	
Coastal preservation – AONB	18	New recycling and waste collection, therefore less methane gases	20
Promoting Green Tourism – use of bikes	16	Cutting landfill	5
AONB Management Plan	7	Encouraging use of wormeries and composting bins	4
River estuary management plans	1		
Polices in place for better use of redundant buildings	0		

CP5 – Accessible Council		CP6 – Value for Money	
Customer Services Unit – less people driving to Follaton	14	Staff awareness of energy saving opportunities	1
Planning surgeries	3	Change in fuel sources for vehicles	0
Council services being available on the website	2	Improved consultation polices for local communities	0
		Energy efficient light bulbs	0

FUTURE ACTIONS WHICH SUPPORT THE CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA

In the same way, Members were then asked to identify what more could be done. The following table represents:-

CP1 – Affordable Homes		CP2 – Good Jobs	
Press government for alternative to building regulations	10	Encourage home working	7
Renewable energy in all new building developments at least 10%	7	Small high-tech work units in more villages	4
Look at building materials that are eco-friendly	7	Generating station to burn bio-mass efficiently	1
Solar heating on all new buildings	4	More hi-tech jobs	0
Sustainable construction, use of sustainable materials , ecological passive solar design	3	Lobby Dartmoor National Park (and Government) to deal more flexibly with planning applications for rural industry – employment for villages to cut commuter traffic	0
Low energy buildings, super insulations, passive solar design, renewable energy	3		
More even spread of affordable eco-homes throughout the region	3		
Build higher buildings – more homes on same footprint, shared services and insulation	2		
Heat stress – using geothermal heat pumps to provide cooling in the summer and warmth in the winter	2		
New housing estates should generate own electricity	2		
Need positive planning guidance to produce energy efficiency and renewable energy	0		
Each affordable house with a garden should have a water butt fitted during construction	0		
Building with straw blocks (like in America and Europe)	0		

CP3 – Retain Character		CP4 – Clean District	
More trees – planting areas	13	Sustainable transport –to look at options and what we can do to address	7
Programme for hedgerow maintenance	5	Encourage incineration and/or pyrolysis plants	3
Look at emergency planning in terms of extreme weather events, storm surges and flash flooding	2	Bioethemol also an alternative to fossil fuels	2
New housing to follow policies in SPG's	1	Encourage small local renewable energy schemes – eg, use Totnes and Dartington water wheels to produce electricity	2
		Lobby Government to look at reducing packaging on goods	3
		Save water - shower	2
		Support use of diesel vehicles	2
		Village Composting Scheme	2
		Waste to energy plants	2
		Car sharing schemes	1
		Encourage biomass plants locally and growth of elephant grass	1
		Take steps to reduce littering (education, publicity)	1
		Should be working in partnership with people like Plymouth bio-fuels to replace petrol	1
		Support community energy projects	1
		Efficient integrated transport to reduce car use	1
		Get message across to public via schools and clubs etc	1
		Encourage insulation of heat pumps	0
		Use of young offenders to clean up beaches etc	0
		Encourage town & parish councils to set example	0

CP5 – Accessible Council		CP6 – Value for Money	
More use of twinning with Brittany, France regarding Climate Change	6	Adaptation – need to scope all areas/working with expects and priorities what areas we need to address	2
Council to become role model for Climate Change	3	Look at heat stress in Council buildings/leisure centres if we're going to get hotter summers and use more energy to keep cool	1
Stronger links to Town and parish Councils to make them more effective	1	Get parish councils to locate waterwheels that can be fixed and used to generate electricity	1
Research all available sources of funding (not just grants/loans Council makes) and inform people in the district. Use website and keep information up to date.	1	More economic use of materials (i.e. paper)	0
		Council to reduce fuel and energy consumption by agreed percentage every year	0
		Save on £900 million which Devon loses every year on energy costs	0
		Strong partnership working is required to put pressure on government to produce funding	0