

**Sherborne Town Council**  
**Forward Plan 2024 to 2029**

**Green Sherborne**

| <b>No</b> | <b>Title</b>                                           | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1         | Green Ethics Policy                                    | The Climate Change Working Group will continue to develop policies to ensure that STC considers systematically the climate change impact of each area of activities, including energy use, and reaffirming its commitment of being carbon-neutral by, at the latest, the year 2030.    |
| 2         | Horticultural Specialist                               | Consideration to appointing a skilled horticultural/plants individual to join the grounds maintenance team or utilise a local specialist to assist with general planting and horticultural matters.                                                                                    |
| 3         | Dorset Council Climate Change Executive Advisory Panel | STC should continue to work closely with Dorset Council and this Executive Advisory Panel and establish common themes and priorities.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4         | Solar Panels, Air and Ground Source Heat Pumps         | Continue to investigate the feasibility of installing solar panels, air, or ground source heat pumps and the creation of solar canopies or panels on Council property where appropriate, and to be mindful of developments of appropriate new technology which might prove beneficial. |
| 5         | Funding Initiatives                                    | STC should look to benefit from available funding initiatives, like Low Carbon Dorset, the Dorset Council Scheme which helps to improve energy efficiency, increase the use of renewable energy, and aid the development of new low carbon products.                                   |
| 6         | Electric Vehicles and Equipment                        | Investigate purchasing electric vehicle and equipment as and when STC needs replacements.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 7         | Electrical Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP's)            | Continue the introduction of EVCP's in Town Council owned or managed properties.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8         | Sherborne Parking Issues                               | To work in partnership with DC seeking a strategic approach to improvements to both on street and off-street parking in the Town to reduce on street parking pressures and residents' frustrations and vehicle movements.                                                              |

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| 9  | Litter and Recycling Bins        | Identify all STC and DC litter and recycling bins, clarify collecting dates and routes, identify lack of provision, streamline the service to one Council and continue to provide support to the Sherborne Litter Campaign. Trial further mixed recycling litter bins at suitable locations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10 | Walking and Cycling              | To work with partner organisations to encourage walking and cycling and examine reviving the 'Safer Routes to Schools' in Sherborne. Liaison with Sustrans and other relevant organisations on all cycle routes especially Route 24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11 | Air Quality                      | Explore the introduction of monitoring equipment targeting areas of concern and support programmes to encouraging people to switch off their engines for prolonged periods of time and assist in reducing vehicle idling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12 | Mayoral Awards                   | Introduce Awards for Sustainability initiatives and introduce an award programme for 'Green Heroes' who help and support within the town to maintain green spaces and create flower beds etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 13 | Sustainable Organisations        | Liaise with all relevant organisations in the town for the best interests of the wider local community regarding sustainability matters that can feed into the Climate Change Working Group. Focus on acquiring more open space for wildflowers, tree planting and renewable energy systems. Re-energise and enable the development of Sherborne in Bloom.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14 | Tree Planting                    | Commitment to future tree planting identifying suitable locations in the town to include the Quarr Nature Reserve and new land opportunities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15 | Pollinating not polluting        | Continue to create designated areas where possible in the town to encourage wildflowers and the creation of natural habitat for a range of species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16 | Allotments                       | Investigate further opportunities for water capture at allotment sites.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17 | Community Transport              | Identify opportunities to support existing community transport or new initiatives to improve connectivity between surrounding villages and the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 18 | Sustainable Projects and Funding | Identify a range of sustainable projects for delivery over term of the plan to include climate change, biodiversity and ecology. Implement strategies to promote ecological health and resilience within the community and connect with relevant local groups. Implement the Sherborne Reusable Cup. Allocate feasibility funding to explore the creation of a nature conservation area and new footpath on the bank of the River Yeo Project. Allocate funding towards public transport to improve connectivity between the town and local parishes. |

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| 19 | Monitor and Report Back | To monitor progress on aspects of the Plan and report back annually. |
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