

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Faringdon Town Council (FTC) Climate Change Working Party (CCWP)**

### **1. Background**

Faringdon Town Council declared a climate emergency on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The working party was set up by FTC to oversee the Council's response.

### **2. Constitution**

- a. Membership of the CCWP will be as decided by Full Council at the Annual Council Meeting
- b. The CCWP will consist of at least 4 members of FTC and an officer appointed by the Town Clerk
- c. Quorum: one third of membership
- d. The Chair to be elected annually by the CCWP before proceeding to any other business at the first meeting.
- e. The Chair shall have a second or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
- f. The Town Clerk, or other officer appointed by the Town Clerk, shall be responsible for the day-to-day CCWP matters.
- g. Members of the public are permitted to join this working group.
- h. The CCWP is advisory and cannot make decisions on behalf of the council.
- i. Recommendations must be made to Full Council for approval.
- j. The CCWP meets at least bi-annually.
- k. Meetings of the CCWP are not held in public.

### **3. Terms of Reference**

- a. Develop a draft plan for how environmental sustainability can be achieved.
- b. Oversee an audit of FTC current practices and improve where possible in areas like:
  - energy use
  - recycling
  - cleaning products
  - vehicles
  - weed spray
- c. Invite community members to join the Climate Change Working party.
- d. Hold regular public meetings to share ideas and decide how the town should act.
- e. Set up climate action groups to work in specific areas.
- f. Recommend responses to FTC to national and local issues.
- g. Oversee a collaboration with District Council regarding implementing new practices and to ensure we all work towards making the vale district carbon neutral by 2045.
- h. Launch and manage initiatives to promote a re-use campaign. Such as clothes swaps and repair cafes.
- i. To consider any initiatives and issues regarding climate change and the environment as directed by FTC.
- j. The working party has a duty to consider the long-term environmental impacts of its decisions and take steps to reduce FTC's carbon footprint and promote sustainability.