

EPHING TOWN COUNCIL

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS POLICY

Epping Town Council understands the importance of behavioural actions on our environment and is committed to ensuring we take all reasonable and appropriate steps to reduce our overall carbon emissions.

As part of this, Epping Town Council are committed to the following:

- 1) Recognising the need for local and global reductions in carbon emissions
- 2) Acting as a Town Council in a way that reduces our carbon emissions
- 3) Encouraging and supporting the wider local community in reducing their carbon emissions
- 4) Regularly reviewing the guidance and initiatives in this area
- 5) Considering Epping Forest District Council's initiatives and considering if/how they can be used by the Town Council

In order to achieve these aims, the Town Council will undertake to do the following:

- 1) Switch to LED lighting where possible and applicable, across our sites
- 2) Switch off all unnecessary lighting, heating and equipment when not required
- 3) Undertake to work with community partners such as the Woodland Trust, City of London Corporation, Epping Forest District Council and Essex County Council, on any applicable initiatives
- 4) Consider electric vehicles for our operations, where practical, possible and cost effective
- 5) Look at Council's outdoor operations, including petrol and battery machinery, waste disposal, containment, storage and green waste disposal
- 6) Pursue the Water Refill Scheme in Epping Parish
- 7) Follow government guidance on how to reduce our carbon footprint
- 8) Signpost others to environmental initiatives where appropriate
- 9) Consider the role our trees and green spaces play in environmental matters
- 10) Consider the role our allotments sites play in environmental matters
- 11) Encourage others to consider their trees and green spaces
- 12) Commit to the ongoing consideration of the environmental impact of our operational actions across all applicable areas

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