

**Committee: FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 19 October 2021**

**Title: Establishment of an Environment Working Group**

**Purpose of Report**

Members to consider the creation of an Environment Working Group

**Recommendation:**

“Members resolve that an Environment Working Group is established with a remit to consider actions that the council can consider helping with the need to address environment concerns and establishing a carbon neutrality by 2030. Proposals will be brought to Full Council for their consideration at future meetings. The working group to be made up of 5 council members with input from community groups as and when requested.”

**Background:**

1. At the Town Council Meeting on the 20 January 2020 the Town Council made a series of resolutions relating to tackling climate change and the issues surrounding the environment.
2. These resolutions were.
  - I. That Ilminster Town Council declares its recognition of a climate and ecological emergency
  - II. That Ilminster Town Council recognises the ten “One Planet Principles”
  - III. That Ilminster Town Council works with South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council and other local councils to develop collaboration, joint approaches and share resources in tackling climate change and protecting the environment.

**Report:**

3. Officers recently received an email from the Resilience Communications Officer at Frome Town Council who have shared their [Climate Emergency Planning Guide 2021.](#)

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4. The document consists of four chapters: Building Design and Renewable Energy; Building Materials and Resources; Active and Green Travel; and Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure. It claims to be clear and comprehensive in order to enable readers to approach tackling the climate crisis with direction and purpose.
5. As a result of this document being provided, Cllr Taylor has proposed that a working group be set up to look at how the Town Council can explore the opportunities afforded by the document and see what ways can be established to work on this further.
6. A possible resolution is that “Members resolve that an Environment Working group is established with a remit to consider actions that the council can consider helping with the need to address environment concerns and establishing a carbon neutrality by 2030. Proposals will be brought to Full Council for their consideration at future meetings. The working group to be made up of 5 Council members with input from community groups as and when requested.”
7. Members are free to propose a resolution of their own.

**Mark Tredwin**  
**Town clerk**  
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