

Report to P&R October 2021

Wiltshire Council's Draft Climate Strategy Consultations

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 agree on the Town Council's response to Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy consultation, including the wording for the free text elements.

1.2 To Delegate the completion of the survey online, on behalf of P&R

2. Background

2.1 At the last P&R meeting information was shared about Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy consultation process, opening on 1st of September to 17th of October. We agreed to read through the climate strategy and related documentation and come back together to agree how to complete the online survey. FV and CR agreed to bring some comments and recommendations to the P&R meeting to expedite the process of agreeing a response.

2.2 Here follow the questions that appear in the online questionnaire in response to the climate strategy document:

Transport - Climate Strategy page 18

Q1.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.1 To achieve mobility and a transport system in Wiltshire that has zero carbon emissions, acknowledging the different solutions for our towns and city versus rural villages. Creating the infrastructure for increased walking, cycling, shared and public transport and use of alternative fuels, including electric vehicle charging points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1.2 Achieving high-quality, bus-based, public transport and transport hubs that offer a pleasant and convenient way to get around, and seamless combined journeys	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1.3 Locating and designing new developments to reduce the need to travel and provide more opportunities for people to travel by zero or low carbon transport modes, for work, leisure and errands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Homes and built environment - Climate Strategy page 22

Q2.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
2.1 New buildings, including homes, to be net zero carbon and adaptable to climate change as soon as possible (including measures such as water efficiency)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.2 Existing buildings in all sectors to be retrofitted to improve energy efficiency and decrease energy demand through low carbon technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.3 New and existing buildings to be adapted to climate change for both heating and cooling, and to include measures of benefit to the wider environment where possible (see diagram on page 17 of the strategy for some of the potential measures)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Natural Environment, food and farming - Climate Strategy page 24

Q3.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
3.1 Efficient and environmentally sensitive use of land, providing for the needs of an increasing population and nature: - food production, renewable energy generation, housing and transport, alongside woodland creation and nature recovery.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.2 Absorbing carbon, by plants and well-managed soils	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.3 Sustainable, low-carbon food and farming systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.4 Protect and extend our network of green spaces and land and water habitats. Make best use of this network of green and blue spaces for biodiversity, active travel, recreation, cooling, shade and absorbing carbon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.5 Natural water management - reducing flood risk and summer droughts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Energy generation, storage and distribution - Climate Strategy page 26

Q4.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
4.1 Existing energy use within Wiltshire to be reduced to allow for decarbonisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4.2 Heat and electricity to be decarbonised (moving from fossil fuels to alternatives)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Green economy - Climate Strategy page 28

Q5.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
5.1 To grow the green economy in Wiltshire, increasing capacity and skills in key sectors to meet demand and delivery targets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5.2 Wiltshire businesses take action to become carbon neutral and climate resilient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Waste - Climate Strategy page 30

Q6.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
6.1 Work towards a circular economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6.2 Work towards zero avoidable waste in Wiltshire and decarbonising the waste management process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6.3 Manage waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy, increase the amount of waste recycled and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Carbon neutral council - Climate Strategy page 32

Q7.0 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each objective

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
7.1 To become carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7.2 Provide leadership locally and nationally, sharing learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q8.0 Taking the Climate Strategy as a whole, what would you like to see **more** emphasis on and why? (max 200 words)

Q9.0 Taking the Climate Strategy as a whole, what would you like to see **less** emphasis on and why? (max 200 words)

3. Recommendations on answering the questions

3.1. We recommend that the Town Council strongly agrees with all the objectives listed in the Climate Strategy – as you will know from having read the document, all of the actions are necessary to reduce carbon emissions and to mitigate the worst of climate change already in the pipeline.

3.2. There is little opportunity for free text in the online survey, so some important points to include in the emphasis are:

- The need for more detail about how each of the ambitions will be reached, year on year to 2030 (you will see from the Strategies and targets page that there is no detail, other than the publication of government documents)
- There are references to working with town and parish councils, but this partnership work isn't our experience, so we need to ask for more emphasis on this
- The language is couched in terms that belie the seriousness of the situation: "...aspire for net zero carbon development..." and "...within the constraints of the national planning system..." so it seems there is little of substance in the document. There should be more emphasis on actions, especially campaigning to central government on our behalf to get access to the resources to manifest the ambitions
- Be clear about resource allocation to this strategy – where are resources coming from?

4. Proposal

4.1 That we agree on the answers to the questions above and add in any other free text comments as necessary.

4.2 That we nominate one individual to complete the online survey on behalf of the TC.

5. Recommendations

5.1 That we agree to the above proposal so that the online consultation can be completed by the deadline of 17th Oct.

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