

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

Aim 1

To quantify and then reduce its carbon footprint so that the Town Council is carbon neutral by 2030.

Aim 2

To seek to minimize the Council's use of energy from fossil fuels including changing the Council's use of energy to renewables when its current energy contracts expires.

Aim 3

To investigate energy efficiency measures within Council buildings.

Aim 4

To work with partners, including Northumberland County Council, to encourage the production of renewable energy in compliance with the requirements of Hexham Neighbourhood Plan 20.

Aim 5

To continue the Council's policy of local procurement and encouraging local businesses to do the same.

Aim 6

To work with NCC to improve glass collection.

Aim 7

To ensure the use of recycled paper by the Council.

Aim 8

To ensure empty ink cartridges used by the Council continue to be recycled.

Aim 9

To seek to reduce single use and non-recyclable plastics by the Council and to encourage its reduction within the town of Hexham.

Aim 10

To investigate with NCC and Northumbrian Water the possibility of reinstating old water fountains and installing new ones.

Aim 11

To encourage healthy and responsible living by working with NCC to make walking, cycling and public transport options more available and thus reducing the need to use cars.

Aim 12

To encourage the use of electric vehicles through encouraging the installation of more electric vehicle charging points.

Aim 13

To consider an annual Mayor's award to recognise environmental initiatives throughout Hexham.

Aim 14

To consider and examine the use of alternatives to chemical pesticides and herbicides on Council owned land.

Aim 15

To encourage allotment holders to cultivate organically.

Aim 16

To ensure all trees of significant amenity value within Hexham are identified.

Aim 17

To erect bat and bird boxes in the Cemetery.

Aim 18

To seek opportunities to plant trees and pollinator friendly plants.

Aim 19

To produce an annual review of progress (first report considered by Full Council in February 2020)

NB £3000.00 set aside in 2020/21 budget for sustainability.