

Appendix 1 - Summary of executive responses to the Climate Emergency and Citizens Assembly resolutions passed by full council.

	Proposals in resolutions	Executive response
	Resolution – Climate Emergency (08/06/19)	
1	Commit to an accelerated reduction of its own carbon emissions, with the aspirations to be carbon neutral by 2030;	<p>The executive commits to an accelerated reduction of the council’s own carbon emissions and the aspiration to become carbon neutral by 2030/31.</p> <p>The detail of how we deliver this commitment will be contained within an updated Carbon Management Plan and associated action plan to be developed by April 2020.</p> <p>The plans will cover the period 2020/21-2025/26 and will set out commitments and actions over that period.</p> <p>This will enable reporting on financial years in line with existing carbon reporting against the 2008/09 baseline.</p>
2	And to change its energy supply to 100% renewable source;	<p>The executive approves the policy approach of using 100% renewably sources energies where there is a business case that demonstrates that the investment provides the best carbon reduction return on investment.</p> <p>On the 1st September 2019 the council switched its electricity supply to 100% renewable energy at an annual additional cost of approximately £3k.</p> <p>As the additional cost of switching to renewably sourced gas is currently prohibitive due to limited availability and market volatility, this will continue to be monitored in partnership with West Mercia Energy (the council’s energy joint purchasing arrangement). The relative merits of the business case for investment in changing energy sources will be considered as part of the development of the carbon management plan.</p>
3	Produce a successor to the current Carbon Management Plan (2019-2023) within the early months of the new council;	<p>As outlined above in response 1.</p> <p>The proposed timetable is longer than the resolution requested as the timescale proposed is not practicable given the need to assess options and to consult in accordance with the principles of good decision making.</p> <p>The proposal to develop this by April 2020 will give sufficient time to develop a robust plan and to consider the resource requirements.</p>
4	Work with partners to produce an action plan, covering all relevant council strategies, and to	<p>The executive commits to develop a countywide carbon reduction plan although the timescale is unrealistic in order to effectively engage with partners, businesses and residents and for scrutiny to effectively engage in this important topic.</p>

	<p>submit this plan via Scrutiny to Cabinet by the end of 2019;</p>	<p>The council will work with strategic partners, residents and local organisations to develop a revised countywide CO2 reduction strategy aspiring for carbon neutrality by 2030.</p> <p>A further report will be brought forward by April 2020, exploring different engagement options including a citizens assembly, citizens jury, citizens panel, youth panel and a public summit and will explore the benefits and resource requirements of each.</p> <p>The executive will invite general scrutiny committee to consider building into their work programme and/or establishing a task and finish group to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the draft carbon management plan; • review partners' plans and strategies to recommend how best to develop a joint countywide strategy • develop and propose a checklist of criteria for the development of new and review of existing council strategies to assess their suitability to deliver on carbon reduction.
5	<p>Call upon our 'Re-Energise' partners to match or better the council's commitment; to publicise their response and to lead on working with the public to promote and encourage carbon reduction in all aspects of the county's life; and</p>	<p>Please reference above recommendation.</p>
6	<p>Provide the necessary resource for officers to deliver on the council's carbon reduction commitments, and to monitor and report annually on the county position.</p>	<p>This will be considered as part of the council's budget and corporate planning process.</p> <p>The council currently monitors and reports its performance on carbon reduction annually and will include future reporting on countywide emissions, which is also monitored annually.</p>
7	<p>The council requests the executive to arrange a full day interactive seminar for all councillors (as soon as possible) this year to be briefed on and discuss</p>	<p>A members briefing session on climate change was held on 16th July and a full day interactive workshop is planned for 21 October.</p> <p>This is the start of an ongoing process of engagement to ensure that members are briefed on emerging local issues affecting the environment and able to participate in developing actions in response to those issues.</p>

	the options that might be open to Herefordshire Council to expedite its carbon footprint reduction aspiration and Improve further the natural environment of Herefordshire.	
Motion - Zero Carbon Citizens Assembly (12.07.19)		
8	That this Council asks the executive to conduct a citizens assembly on how Herefordshire can transition to zero carbon, timetabled to coordinate with the national citizens assembly on the same topic.	<p>Whilst the parliamentary select committees' intention, announced in June 2019, was to hold a national assembly over a number of weekends in the autumn/winter of 2019, no further detail on how these will operate, or the timing of them is yet available.</p> <p>The principle of enabling citizens to get involved in developing the county's response to the climate emergency is agreed. However, costs associated with a single 'assembly' event are not budgeted for, and there may be more effective ways of securing longer term citizen's involvement; the executive will explore how best to ensure that all citizens have the opportunity to get involved.</p> <p>In particular young people have already shown a high level of interest and commitment to change and we would want to explore ways in which their views can be heard.</p> <p>As outlined in response 4 options will be assessed and brought forward in a separate report.</p>