
Title: **Climate Change Member Champion – Annual Report 2021**

To: **Cabinet** On: **16 November 2021**

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Given the restraints we have been under for the last 12 months my work as the Councils Climate Change Champion has continued at apace.

In August 2020 myself and officers from Swisco attended a Low Carbon vehicle demonstration in Cullompton where we got to explore future options for our fleet of vehicles.

In my role as Climate Change Champion I regularly attend events with our public transport partners most recently I attended the GWR Stakeholder conference in Cardiff, where I attended a breakout session on bus back better. This session looked at ticketing arrangements between train and bus operators and how we can have better joined up connectivity and looking at how train travel impacts climate change.

I have also been working with the Climate Emergency Officer and Divisional Director responsible for Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency to shape and develop the council's approach to carbon neutrality by 2030. This approach was approved in March 2021. See [Cabinet paper \(item 9\)](#). We also approved our [one-year initial Torbay action plan](#). Appendix 1 summarises recent progress on this work.

We will also develop a Torbay-wide carbon neutral action plan in 2022 with our communities and businesses and I welcomed the opportunity to give a presentation on Carbon Neutral Torbay at the Climate Community Conference held on 2 November 2021. This will be one of many conversations on climate action.

Over the past 18 months I have developed a strong working relationship with Councillor Morey and look forward to our partnership continuing.

Policy Achievements:

Approved Carbon Neutral Approach for Torbay, including [one-year initial Torbay action plan and development of a Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan](#)

The creation of Torbay Climate Partnership and creation of a Torbay-wide Carbon Neutral Action Plan.

The future development of two solar parks in the bay.

We've installed LED Street lighting throughout the bay which is energy efficient.

There are many more achievements and will be many more to come.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.