



CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASK AND FINISH FORUM (TAFF)

Purpose: The purpose of the Group is to respond to the Climate Emergency and determine an action plan for Exmouth to play its part in working towards a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and reducing other environmental threats. The current national target set by the UK Government is to reduce carbon emissions by 80% (compared to 1990 levels) by 2050.

Partners: Transition Exmouth (TBC)

Membership: Seven members

Quorum: Three members

Power: Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

Delegated Authority: No

1.0 Terms

- 1.1 The Council's Standing Orders apply to all meetings of the TAFF.
- 1.2 The Forum is appointed on a Task and Finish basis.
- 1.3 The first order of business of the first meeting of the Forum after its annual appointment will be to elect a Chairman.
- 1.4 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council shall be Ex-officio, non-voting members of the TAFF.
- 1.5 The Town Clerk will call meetings of the TAFF as and when necessary.
- 1.6 Meetings shall not be open to the public.
- 1.7 Members of the Panel will receive an agenda and supporting papers in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.
- 1.8 Meeting notes will be published in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

2.0 Responsibilities

- 2.1 Recommend steps to reduce the carbon footprint of Exmouth Town Council's activities and infrastructure.

- 2.2 Draw up a plan for Exmouth with a focus on the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and other environmental threats with a focus on environmental, economic and social benefits.
- 2.3 Prepare a report within three months with the actions that Exmouth Town Council will take to address this emergency.
- 2.4 Communicate to people and organisations throughout Exmouth that the Town Council and community together need to respond to the climate emergency.
- 2.5 Provide supporting information to parishioners and businesses to enable individual and group action.
- 2.6 Work with partners to deliver this plan through all relevant means.
- 2.7 Act as a voice for the community in discussions around setting of appropriate targets for carbon reduction both locally and nationally in policy.
- 2.8 Influence external stakeholders locally and nationally to incorporate sustainability into economic and strategic frameworks, strategies, plans and service operations.
- 2.9 The TAFF recognises key interdependencies between this work and the Town Council's parallel initiatives in climate adaptation through its existing committees and working parties (e.g. Planning, Flooding and Land Drainage, Transport, Plastic Reduction, Neighbourhood Plan)
- 2.10 The TAFF recognises that the priority for action is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.