



Strategy for the Action Plan

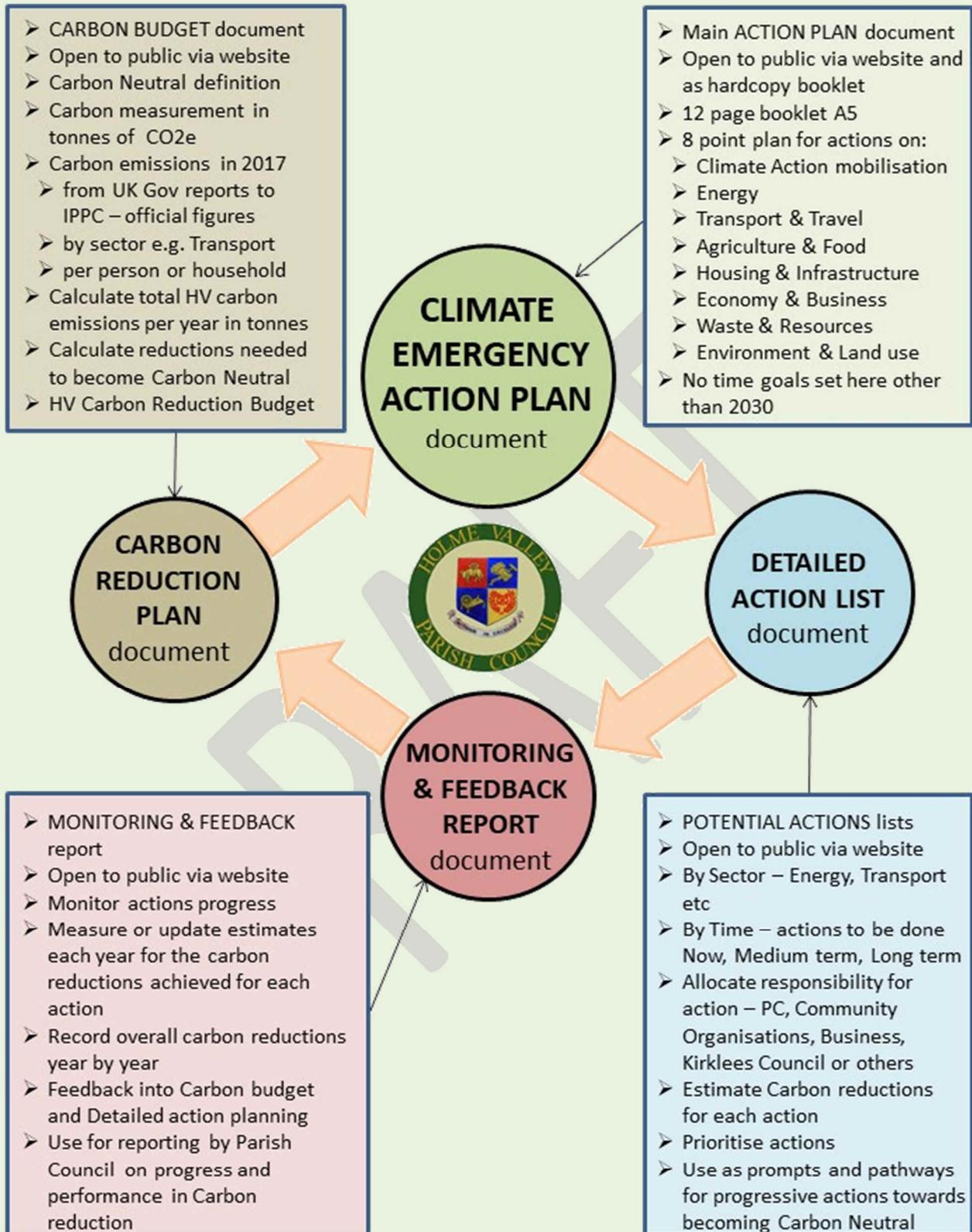
After having **declared a Climate Emergency on 25th March 2019** and agreed to **publish an Action Plan within in six months, Holme Valley Parish Council** has set up an Action Plan working group (the **Steering group**) in April 2019, tasked to produce a draft action plan for adoption by the Parish Council in October 2019 (within the 6 months).

The Steering group's strategy for preparing the Action Plan is outlined as follows:

- ✓ A **draft of an Action Plan** has been put to a full Parish Council meeting on **10th September 2019** for discussion and agreement. At this meeting, the Council decide to publish the draft and have a Public Event to hear what residents had to say. The draft plan was published on the Parish Council website from **1st October** and the public event held on Sunday afternoon **13th October** in Holmfirth Civic Hall. The event was in the form of a workshop where residents commented on the overall Action Plan and suggest specific detailed actions to combat climate change. With feedback from this event, a final draft Action Plan has been prepared by the Steering group, to put to a special Council meeting on **28th October 2019 for adoption**.
- ✓ The Steering group have allocated the **different actions areas** to smaller working groups to develop action lists for each of their areas. These working groups have produced an initial set of detailed actions for the following action areas:
 - o **Energy**
 - o **Economy & Business**
 - o **Transport & Travel**
 - o **Waste & Resources**
 - o **Agriculture & Food production**
 - o **Housing & infrastructure**
 - o **Environment & Land use (LULUCF)**
- ✓ The Carbon working group has produced carbon reduction proposals for the Home Valley Parish area which includes a baseline for our carbon emissions, based on a calculated carbon footprint per Holme Valley Parish resident (using national and Kirklees 2017 data adjusted for the Holme Valley). This has been used to determine the net carbon reductions needed, in thousands of tonnes CO₂e carbon, for each of the action areas. This is referred to as our proposed **Carbon Reduction Plan**. This will be published on the parish Council website following adoption.
- ✓ The **Detailed action lists are potential short, medium and longer term actions** intended to be prompts and pathways to suggest how the Parish area can become carbon neutral by 2030 – this is the goal of 'net zero carbon' with our carbon capture, e.g. from woodland planting, peatland restoration etc., set off against our carbon emissions, e.g. from fossil fuel energy sourced electricity and natural gas, fossil fuelled vehicle transport, meat production, wastes etc. These lists of potential actions will need to be actioned by other parties in our community as well as the Parish Council and are fluid and dynamic i.e. they may change as time and circumstances demand. These potential actions are planned to be published on the Parish Council website following adoption, along with the selected actions targeted by the Parish Council itself.
- ✓ The detailed action lists and carbon reduction plan are supplemented by an **overarching Action Plan document which sets out the strategy and action areas for the Parish over the next 10+ years until 2030**. Whilst the detailed actions may be modified over time, as circumstances change, it is hoped the **Action Plan document will stand the test of time** and be good for 10+ years.
- ✓ This Action Plan document is planned to be a **12-page A5 sized booklet**, professionally designed and printed, with explanatory graphics and photos, clear messages and simple action areas, rather than just the detailed action lists. Its intention is to set out a **clear action plan for the Parish Council to issue to residents arising from the Climate Emergency**. When finally adopted, this 12-page plan will be published on the Parish Council website and will also be printed to be available as a hard copy booklet for distribution.
- ✓ The following text sets out the **revised draft of this Action Plan document** for review and consideration by the Steering group and by the full Parish Council.



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