



Strategy for the Action Plan

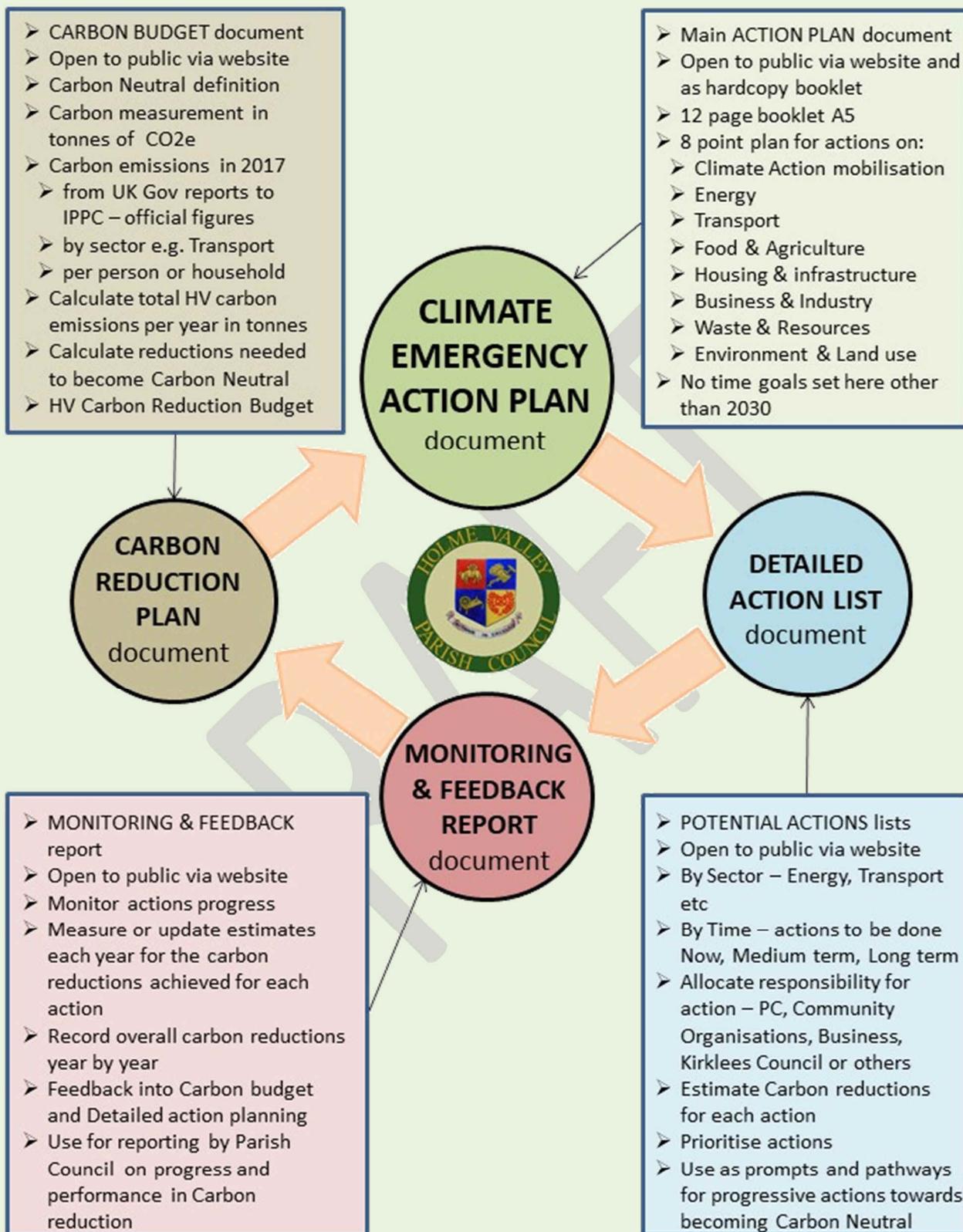
After having **declared a Climate Emergency on 25th March 2019** and agreed to **publish an Action Plan within in six months, Holme Valley Parish Council** have set up an Action Plan working group (the **Steering group**) in April 2019, tasked to produce a draft action plan for adoption by the Parish 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 Meeting to hear what the residents have to say. This meeting is being held Sunday afternoon **13th October** in Holmfirth Civic Hall and will be in the form of a workshop where residents can comment on the overall Plan and comment on or suggest specific actions. With feedback from this event, a final draft will be prepared by the Steering group and put to a special Council meeting on **28th October 2019 for adoption**. This determines the time frame for drafting the Action Plan
- ✓ The Steering group has met and 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 actions for the following action areas:
 - o **Energy**
 - o **Waste and resources**
 - o **Environment and Land use (LULUCF)**
 - o **Business and Industry**
 - o **Food and Agriculture**
 - o **Transport and Travel**
 - o **Housing and infrastructure**
- ✓ 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 website following adoption.
- ✓ The **action lists are intended to cover short, medium and longer term actions** which can serve as a pathway to the Parish becoming carbon neutral by 2030 – this is the goal of 'net zero carbon' with our carbon capture, e.g. from removing CO₂ (carbon dioxide) from the atmosphere by woodland planting, and peatland restoration etc., set off against our carbon emissions, e.g. from fossil fuel energy sourced electricity and natural gas, vehicle fossil fuelled vehicle transport, meat production etc. These detailed action lists will be dynamic, action by different parties and may change over time as circumstances change, hence these are only planned to be published on the website following adoption.
- ✓ The 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**. This will be published first as a draft on the website, and finally when adopted, published on the website and also available as a hard copy booklet for distribution.
- ✓ The following text sets out a **third draft of this Action Plan document** for review and consideration by the Steering group and also by the full Parish Council.



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