

To Members of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE**

Members are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** to be held on **MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.00 PM** in **THE EXHIBITION ROOM, HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL**, to transact the following business:

- AGENDA – (A)

WELCOME

7.00 pm

Introduction and welcome to all from the Committee Chair.

The Chair welcomes any members of the public present.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Committee, there will be an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to Members.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 2122 55** **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014** **7.15 pm**

Local (Parish and Town) **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** meetings can now be recorded. This meeting is being recorded by the Clerk in video format for the [HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL YouTube Channel](#).

Chair to ask if any other Committee member or member of the public wishes to record the meeting in addition to the arrangements referred to above.

TO NOTE: other recordings being made of the meeting in addition to the recording made by the Clerk.

- 2122 56** **Apologies and reasons for absence** **7.16 pm**

Ideally, apologies and reasons for absence should be received by email or telephone by the Clerk by 4pm on the day of the meeting.

These are then shared via email with members prior to the meeting commencing.

In accordance with previous resolution all apologies and reasons are considered together with no requirement to verbally relay the information.

TO CONSIDER: apologies received with reasons.

- 2122 57** **Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda** **7.17 pm**

All Members and Officers present should declare any personal disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda for consideration by the Committee.

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TO CONSIDER: Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

2122 58 **Written requests for new DPI dispensations** **7.18 pm**

Any written requests for new DPI dispensations received prior to the meeting are usually emailed out in redacted form and are uploaded to the HVPC website once noted.

Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: written requests for new DPI dispensations.

2122 59 **Items on the agenda to be discussed in private session** **7.19 pm**

Any recording by members of the public to be halted during such items; co-opted members to move to a waiting room.

TO CONSIDER: items on the agenda to be discussed in private session.

2122 60 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** **7.20 pm**

The Minutes of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE (CESC)** meeting held on 18 October 2021 items 2122 26 to 2122 54 were approved at **FULL COUNCIL** 13 December 2021 **(B)**.

TO NOTE: the Minutes of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE (CESC) meeting held on 18 October 2021 items 2122 26 to 2122 54; approved by FULL COUNCIL 13 December 2021.

2122 61 **To consider any applications from the public to be members of the Committee** **7.23 pm**

In line with the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE's Terms of Reference** at the meeting **19/07/21** 9 members of the public were co-opted. This leaves one final place as a Committee Member available for a member of the public. Should any member of the public attending the meeting wish to put themselves forward the Committee may consider this application or others the Committee is made aware of.

TO CONSIDER: any applications from the public to be members of the Committee.

BUDGETARY MATTERS

2122 62 **CESC Budget 2021-22 Year-to-Date and Projected** **7.26 pm**

Document **(C)** has been produced to clarify spending from the 2021-22 Budget to date. Members can then refer to this when considering any motion which entails a financial cost.

TO NOTE: the contents of the CESC Budget 2021-22 Year-to-Date and Projected report.

2122 63 **CESC Budget 2022-23** **7.28 pm**

Document **(D)** has been produced for reference to remind members of the CESC 2022-

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23 Budget.

TO NOTE: the contents of the CESC Budget 2022-23 report.

2122 64 Holmfirth Folk Festival Project costs 7.30 pm

CEC is working with the organisers of Holmfirth Folk Festival, who are keen to make the festival as green as possible. This will include the work of CESC and HVCAP being featured in promotional material. CEC is planning to work with HVCAP to have a stall or similar, giving children the opportunity to plant seeds in a yoghurt pot that can be taken home. Space is also being made in the HoTT edible garden for people to plant.

It is anticipated that a contingency budget of £190 is needed to cover the cost of signage 'Growing Food in the Holme Valley', compost and seeds.

CEC to report.

TO CONSIDER: Committing £190 from budget line 4825 Environment Strategy or from budget line 4805 Community Mobilisation to cover costs of up to £190 for the Holmfirth Folk Festival project.

PROGRESS AND ACTIONS

2122 65 Focusing on Local Action 7.35 pm

The Chair proposes that the Committee focuses on what can best be controlled and influenced within the Holme Valley. This involves working with others across the valley to maximise impact and encourage as many people as possible to recognise that lots of people making small changes make a big difference.

Rather than solely 'preaching to the converted', the Chair suggests that the Committee uses its expertise to inspire others to take own their small steps towards tackling climate change. It needs to be recognised that considerable effort is required to turn ideas into impactful projects. Subsequent items on the agenda reflect the proposed role of the Committee in helping the Holme Valley achieve net zero by practical actions to Educate & inspire; Encourage & support change; and Coordinate & enable.

TO CONSIDER: the Committee's role in helping the Holme Valley to achieve net zero through the three objectives of (i) to educate and inspire, (ii) to encourage and support change and (iii) to coordinate and enable.

2122 66 Jubilee Seed & Tree Project 7.45 pm

As part of marking the Platinum Jubilee, HVPC has committed money to a project to provide wildflower seeds to every primary school pupil in the valley as well as plant a tree in each primary & secondary school to mark the Jubilee.

It is hoped that members of the CESC will assist in delivering assemblies to the schools using a provided presentation which will capture key information about why planting wildflowers and trees matters, key facts about what can be done to improve biodiversity & also other positive steps children can take to address climate change. It will also highlight what is being done locally and what the Jubilee / HVPC is.

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Materials developed can then be shared electronically with parents and used to raise awareness of how everyone can make a difference. The intention is for this to happen after the Easter holidays - around May time. It may be that tree planting has to be done in the Autumn to suit the best planting season but this will be confirmed.

This project offers the chance to talk to over 2300 primary children and secondary schools as well, giving an opportunity to engage with their families and teachers to improve the visibility of local action being taken to address the climate emergency.

TO CONSIDER: participation in assemblies and development of associated materials, some to be shared electronically with parents.

TO CONSIDER: the organisation of and participation in the tree-planting associated with the project.

2122 67

Energy

7.55 pm

Following the audit led by a CESC member, HVPC approved expenditure up to £10,000 for each of the Parish Council's key assets (Holmfirth Civic Hall and Honley Library) to invest in energy efficiency measures. Implementation through the Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust (HCHCT) and Friends of Honley Library (FOHL) should deliver real improvements for the operational and environmental sustainability of the two buildings.

The commitment of £160 from the energy budget has been made to update the Energy Savings Booklet for onwards distribution. This is to assist Holme Valley residents to understand how the current rises experienced in energy prices might be mitigated through eco-friendly cost-cutting measures. The expenditure has been authorised in line with **HVPC Financial Regulation 4.1:**

"Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget. The authority is to be determined by... the Clerk or Deputy Clerk, in conjunction with...Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £1,000."

TO CONSIDER: how and when to seek feedback from HCHCT and FOHL on what they have achieved and what impact it has and how best to share the learning and experience with other organisations running community assets such as village halls, sports clubs etc.

TO NOTE: The commitment of £160 from the energy budget line for the updating and forward distribution of the Energy Savings Booklet, as requested by the CEC, agreed by the Chair and authorised by the Deputy Clerk/RFO in line with HVPC Financial Regulation 4.1.

2122 68

Business & Community Group Database

8.05 pm

The Climate Emergency Coordinator (CEC) is now building a database of businesses and community groups during this year so the Committee can expand our influence and learn more about what is actually going on to address Climate Change in the valley. It is anticipated that the database will also support other functions of the Parish Council moving forward.

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- Land Use Surveys (Mbr Morgan)
- Potential allotment sites (Cllr Sheard)
- Shared EV charging (Mbr Tulley)
- Disposal of trade waste (Clerk)
- Any community engagement / attendance at festivals etc (CEC & all Members)

CORRESPONDENCE

2122 72 **Tree policy** **8.40 pm**

The **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** resolved on 18-10-21 resolution 2122 33 that the Chair was to write to Kirklees Council **(E)**, copying in Kirkburton Parish Council, to endorse the Tree Policy.

A response was received from *Kirklees Growth and Regeneration for Kirklees Planning* **(F)** and also from *Kirklees Environmental Strategy and Climate Change* **(G)**.

TO NOTE: correspondence received from Kirklees Council with regards to Tree Policy resolution 2122 33 from CESC meeting on 18-10-21.

2122 73 **Climate Emergency Action Plan** **8.45 pm**

Email correspondence has been received in connection with HVPC Climate Emergency Action Plan. A request was received and actioned for physical copies of the Action Plan was from Denby Dale Parish Council **(H)** and also from Elvaston Parish Council, South Derbyshire **(I)**, to make use of the graphics and other elements of the HVPC Climate Emergency Action Plan. 6 copies of the HVPC Climate Emergency Action Plan were sent to Denby Dale Parish Council and assistance was offered to Elvaston Parish Council.

TO NOTE: correspondence received in connection with the HVPC Climate Emergency Action Plan.

2122 74 **Request via HVCAP regarding Hepworth School LED lighting and composter projects** **8.50 pm**

HVCAP has asked CEC to raise the matter of Hepworth School's LED lighting and composter projects with CESC. CEC has been asked to take soundings to ascertain whether it is possible for Hepworth School to apply to the Parish Council for assistance with these specific projects. HVCAP is struggling to find funding to assist – total bill for LED lighting replacement project is £6500 **(J)**. Of that, a £1,500 grant has been secured from the Bright Green Community Fund. A quote for a composter at £2250 has been obtained.

Clerk has advised that the Parish Council does not give grants to schools.

The Committee is asked to note the request from HVCAP and consider what help/advice, if any, can be offered.

CEC to report.

TO NOTE: help/advice to be offered from CESC to HVCAP and Hepworth School regarding LED lighting and composter projects.

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PUBLICISING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

2122 75

Items for publicity

8.55 pm

The **PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 14-09-21 motion 2122 27 press coverage** has directed officers of the **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** to add an agenda item in all meetings asking Members what events or news from the meeting they wish to publicise via the press, website and/or Facebook.

TO CONSIDER: events or news to publicise via the printed press, website and/or Facebook.

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chairman and the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence. The **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** may agree to defer (in whole or part) any items on the Agenda, if necessary.

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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00 PM in THE EXHIBITION ROOM, HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Hogley

Councillors: Cllr Blacka, Cllr Gould, Cllr Sheard, Cllr Wilson

Co-opted Members: S Barker, G Bradley, A Colwill, C O'Halloran

Climate Emergency Co-ordinator: M Brown

Clerk: J McIntosh

Welcome

Public Question Time

Cllr Hogley welcomed committee members.

There were no members of the public present.

2122 26 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

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2122 27 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies and reasons had been circulated by email prior to the meeting from C Anstey, A Morgan and J Queening.

RESOLVED: to approve all apologies and reasons.

NB: in terms of resolutions councillors votes alone determine the outcome.

2122 28 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Sheard disclosed an interest in **item 2122 38** which would be considered when that item was discussed.

No other interests were disclosed.

2122 29 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None to receive. Cllr Hogley's new DPI had been noted at **FULL COUNCIL** on **11-10-21**.

2122 30 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

RESOLVED: no items to be heard in private session.

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2122 31 To note the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

NOTED: the minutes of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** meeting held on **19th JULY 2021 2122 12 TO 2122 25** inclusive; approved by full **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL 11-10-21** were duly **NOTED**.

2122 32 To consider any applications from the public to be members of the Committee

In line with the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE's Terms of Reference** there remains one final place as a Committee Member available for a member of the public.

No member of the public attended or was put forward for Committee membership.

CORRESPONDENCE

2122 33 To consider supporting a Tree Policy put forward by KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman of **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** requested that the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** considered the Tree Policy commended by **KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL** and set out below with a view to advising **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** as to any further steps needed.

The policy regards making the following requests of **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**:

1. That they consider best use in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration of all land that they identify as areas for mitigating the climate and ecological crisis.
2. That Kirklees wholeheartedly adopts this policy and uses it to guide all decisions, particularly when considering planning applications.
3. Sets targets to increase the stock of both native and climate resilient trees, hedgerows and woodland on Council land, and work with partners to set and achieve similar targets across the Kirklees district.
4. Keeps account of tree felling the Council sanctions and ensures that it is more offset in terms of carbon and biodiversity.
5. Deters individuals and developers from harming trees with TPOs or any other environmental or historic designation by acting promptly to reports of imminent felling, taking immediate enforcement action and putting pressure on others, such as the Forestry Commission and central Government to do the same.
6. Values and strives to protect all existing trees in Kirklees, bearing in mind that a ten-year-old tree captures about 4 times more carbon than a sapling; older trees are in general better at sequestering carbon than younger ones and one veteran oak has more biodiversity than a thousand 100-year-old oaks.
7. Works with partners to manage all existing woodlands and hedgerows to encourage natural regeneration and understorey development and ensure their long-term survival.
8. Creates and conserves areas of unimproved, semi natural or priority habitats; retains and protect areas of naturally regenerating trees and shrubs and avoids planting trees on these areas, unless it enhances their value in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration.



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9. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species of wildlife within Kirklees.
10. Stipulates that a minimum stand-off distance for all new development in the vicinity of existing woodland is created - 20 m or more from the end of the gardens, and does more to prevent tipping of garden waste and encroachment by householders.
11. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species and raise awareness within our communities of the value of all our trees (even young ones) in terms of landscape, amenity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** to write to **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**, copying in **KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL** to endorse the above policy.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS

2122 34 To consider the impact of the Big Green Week Event on 25th September 2021

RECEIVED: verbal report from Climate Emergency Co-ordinator, the main points as follows.

Success indicators included:

- i. The event brought together a mixture of groups working to produce the event.
- ii. Estimates of about 100 people visiting the event.
- iii. Increased HVPC Climate Emergency Website traffic, interaction with Facebook page and sign up to the Newsletter all evident after the event.

Learning points included:

- iv. A need to bring together all the websites with a climate action focus was identified – HVCAP – Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership - is taking this forward.
- v. A need was identified to develop and maintain a database of all community groups and individuals to increase reach through improved coordination.
- vi. Scoping for opportunities to link **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** representation/stall to other events and venues eg litter-picking, swap shop, Co-operative Café to tap into a more diverse audience.

Cllr Bustard will now head up the business strand. Some of the resources produced to support the event have been laminated and are reusable.

NOTED: The Climate Emergency Co-Ordinator was thanked for her work in bringing together a successful first event, working to budget and deadlines.

2122 35

To receive reports from the 6 sub-groups focusing on key actions taken including progress towards targets

Each of the 6 sub-groups formed according to the main themes of the *Climate Emergency Action Plan* reported on key actions taken since 19th JULY. Main points as follows.

- Sub-group 1 – Agriculture, Food, Environment and Land Use: *land use mapping, engaging farmers and landowners*

A report from Alison Morgan had been emailed out in advance of the meeting and was shared.

Andrew Colwill of Cuddy's Farm shared the headlines from the Biodiversity Survey, pertaining to the relatively low starting point for diversity of the land surveyed.

Although the survey report was received after the opportunity to tap into subsidies had passed the survey would have a continuing use as a baseline from which improvements to diversity could be measured. Another key headline for the Holme Valley was that diversity might be better served by creating more heathland rather than through tree-planting.

RESOLVED: Land use/biodiversity survey findings for Cuddy's Farm to be shared with Climate Emergency Co-Ordinator.

RESOLVED: to request that Alison Morgan produces a summary of the Land use/biodiversity survey findings for Cuddy's Farm, picking out key points of interest.

- Sub-group 2 – Energy and Buildings: *home energy efficiency measures, energy Savings Booklet, audit of Parish Council buildings, renewables*

Steve Barker and Andy Wilson gave a verbal report, main points as follows.

Energy Savings Booklet: one feedback comment received so far; further feedback would be welcomed. Information from the booklet could be disseminated through social media, at green events etc. The current concerns about energy prices means householders are interested in how to make energy efficiencies for financial reasons as well as raising awareness of the environmental benefits.

Audit of Parish Council Buildings: these have been circulated before and there have been recent meetings looking at how to take the audit forward. Matters specific to the Civic and Honley Library were covered by later agenda items. More generally it was debated if there were common elements (eg lighting, heating controls) that could be applied to other community buildings or if a simpler survey were possible moving forward, building on the comprehensive surveys already completed.

- Sub-group 3 – Economy and Business

Cllr Bustard is now heading up this strand and has met with Climate Emergency Co-Ordinator.

A key need is to have a database with contact details to ensure and increase reach.

- Sub-group 4 – Waste: *recycling; minimising waste*

The Co-Operative Supermarket now recycles soft plastics.

Black bin waste is burnt to produce energy by Kirklees. Nevertheless, the importance of recycling needs clear messaging.

- Sub-group 5 – Transport and Travel: *(public transport promotion, electric vehicles, walking, cycling)*

The following initiatives were relayed by Cath O'Halloran and members encouraged to view the links sent out for further information:

- 'If it's not far, leave the car' campaign.
- 'Living Streets' – walking to school initiative

[Walk to School | Living Streets](#)

- iii. 'Charge My Street' – community benefit society that installs and operates community EV chargepoints.

chargemystreet.co.uk | [EV charge point community benefit society](#)

- Sub-group 6 – Mobilisation: climate action

The main focus had been the Big Green Week Event as considered in **item 2122 34**.

2122 36 To consider items for publicity

Members were asked to identify events or news from the meeting they wished to publicise via the press, website and/or Facebook. Key points were:

- i. Further cross-referencing and links between HVPC and HVPC Climate Emergency websites would increase the visibility of these issues.
- ii. Request to be made to Susan Hampshire at Holme Valley Review to publicise the Energy Savings Booklet given that energy price rises is currently topical.
- iii. All members reminded to link with Climate Emergency Co-Ordinator to publicise relevant events/news.

BUDGETARY ITEMS – CURRENT POSITION, GRANT REQUESTS FOR 2021-22 AND FUTURE PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23

2122 37 CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Expenditure Against Budget

NOTED: The expenditure against the budget report for the year-to-date.

The Committee expressed the wish to work with RFO to identify how mobilisation can be recognised as an element in all the budget lines moving forward.

BUDGETARY ITEMS – 2021-22 TO CONSIDER AND SEND ON WHERE APPROPRIATE TO FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT 22-11-2021

2122 38 To consider proposal arising from Holmfirth Civic Hall Energy Audit Report (energy 4810)

Cllr Hogley tabled an additional paper for consideration that outlined the priorities identified from the audit in the short-term for 2021-22, medium term (next 2 years) and long term (2 years plus).

It was clarified that there were monies available in the energy budget line 4810 of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** budget but that the HVPC scheme of delegation meant that **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** could not award monies itself. It could recommend the awarding of monies via **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** up to £5,000, with any monies above that threshold needing **FULL COUNCIL** approval.

The proposals arising from the **Holmfirth Civic Hall Energy Audit Report** were not just about saving money but complying with the principles of mitigating the Climate Emergency. The monies requested were estimates: a lot of work remained to be done to gain quotations and move this work forward. It was felt that prioritising the elements listed below would ensure the project was manageable at this stage.

RESOLVED: to recommend to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 22-11-21** that it recommends to **FULL COUNCIL 13-12-21** to approve £10,000 from **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** energy budget line 4810 for Holmfirth Civic Hall to action the short term recommendations regarding lighting and heating from the *Energy Audit Report*.

RESOLVED: to recommend to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 22-11-21** that it recommends to **FULL COUNCIL 13-12-21** the creation of an **earmarked reserve** from 1st April 2022 of up to £10,000 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2021-22 for the Civic Hall energy audit efficiency measures into the next financial year. This may be needed due to the short turn-around times needed for the Civic to obtain quotations and then proceed with and complete the schedule of works by the end of the financial year 2021-22, thereby ensuring that monies would be available to complete the project [2122 38]

2122 39 To consider funding request for Holme Valley cargobike pilot scheme (transport 4815)

RECEIVED: Papers to support funding for EPiKS Holme Valley cargobike pilot scheme
The following points were made in discussion:

- i. Budget line 4815 has £12650.00 available.
- ii. Cost of cargo-bike is £6900.00
- iii. As this is over £5k **FULL COUNCIL** approval needed.
- iv. The main benefit of the scheme is to increase awareness/visibility of efforts to reduce carbon emissions, pollution and parking issues rather than to show reduction of carbon emissions in hard data.
- v. Based on a successful Calderdale scheme.
- vi. Anticipated that the monies would be drawn down in 4th quarter of financial year – or perhaps 1st quarter of next financial year. May need to earmark monies for 2022-23.
- vii. A combination of volunteers/paid workers would be used for deliveries.
- viii. Full amount requested would be needed to ensure bike could be purchased.
- ix. The Committee was reminded of its target to achieve carbon neutral status by 2030. This would be mainly achieved through getting a lot of residents to make small changes.

RESOLVED: to **RECOMMEND** to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** on **22-11-21** and thence to **FULL COUNCIL** on **13-12-21** the awarding of the full amount requested £6900.00 from 2021-22 budget line 4815 transport subject to the incorporation of HVPC branding to be displayed on the bike.

RESOLVED: to **RECOMMEND** to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** on **22-11-21** and thence to **FULL COUNCIL** on **13-12-21** the creation of **EMR** from 1st April 2022 of up to £6900.00 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2020-21 for the Cargo-bike into the next financial year [2122 39] To be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.

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FURTHER ACTIONS FOR 2021-22 INCLUDING POSSIBLE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FROM WITHIN CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2021-22

2122 40 To consider allocating funds for the roll out of the 'If it's not far, leave the car' campaign in Honley (transport 4815)

RESOLVED: the awarding of £1000 for the roll-out of the 'If it's not far, leave the car' campaign to Honley from 2021-22 budget line 4815.

RESOLVED: to create an Earmarked Reserve of up to £1000 in the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** budget from 1st April 2022 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2021-22 for the final roll-out of the 'If it's not far, leave the car' campaign (transport) in the next financial year [2122 40] To be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.

2122 41 To consider funding request for a Cycling Feasibility Study (transport 4815)

This item was deferred to be considered alongside item 2122 43.

2122 42 To consider progress on bike racks across the valley (transport 4815)

The discussion of this item concluded that although the further provision of bike racks across the Holme Valley was desirable the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** did not have the power or resources to take this further at the current time as sites identified required Kirklees Highways approval.

2122 43 To consider project and funding for River Holme Connections riverside cycleway (transport 4815)

Item 2122 41 To consider funding request for a Cycling Feasibility Study (transport 4815) was considered as part of this item.

The Committee heard that a proposal for a riverside cycleway stretching from Huddersfield to the Holme Valley is being developed. Although this is a project of interest for the future no agreement was made to allocate monies to the project at this time.

2122 44 To consider the provision of ChargeMyStreet Community EV charge-points (transport 4815)

Actions and funding needed 2021-22 to progress the provision of EV charge-points across the valley were considered, as was rolling over EV kerbside pilot project funding to 2022-23

No proposals were brought forward but it was left open to explore further the feasibility of further actions in the future.

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2122 45 To consider allocating monies for the Living Streets in schools project (transport 4815)

CLlr Blacka declared an interest as the Vice-Chair of Hepworth School Governing Body, this being one of the schools considered as suitable for pursuing this project, the other being Upperthong.

Living Streets is a structured initiative to encourage children to walk to school, thereby improving health, reducing congestion and air pollution in local communities. The intention is to seek to work with two local primary schools which were suggested and agreed as Hepworth and Upperthong as both were already engaged in environmental matters.

It was shared that the next walk-to-school week is May and that therefore any monies allocated may not be drawn down until the 2022-23 budget is in operation.

RESOLVED: to approve the release of up to £2000 for the 'Living Streets' in schools project from 2021-22 budget line 4815.

RESOLVED: to create an Earmarked Reserve of up to £2000 in the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** budget from 1st April 2022 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2021-22 for completion of 'Living Streets' (transport) project into 2022-23 and beyond [2122 45] To be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.

2122 46 To consider focus of CLIMATE EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATOR over Autumn/Quarter 3 and looking ahead to the Spring/Quarter 4 (mobilisation)

The Climate Emergency Co-Ordinator reported that the key focus for Quarters 3 and 4 would be to have a presence at other local events/festivals in order to raise awareness of the objectives of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE**.

2122 47 To consider progress on land use mapping (land use 4825)

Cath O'Halloran declared an interest as a director of *EcoHolmes* and Sarah Sheard also as family members are involved with *EcoHolmes*.

RESOLVED: to approve the sending of the letter tabled at the meeting to the Community housing fund in support of the *EcoHolmes* funding application in respect of the Chippings site.

NOTED: There is £1000 in the budget line 4825 as yet unallocated.

2122 48 To consider progress regarding the creation of further allotments (land use 4825)

The **CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE** continues to support in principle increasing the provision of allotments and community growing projects in the Holme Valley:

- 1) by petitioning Kirklees **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** to allow re-purposing of small parcels of unused recreational land in the Valley.
- 2) by asking landowners to allow repurposing of parcels of land for rental as allotments.
- 3) by the Parish **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** purchasing additional land for the purpose of increasing allotments.

The Committee heard that work to further this project is continuing and resolutions may be brought to a future meeting.

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- 2122 49** To consider actions and funding needed regarding recycling and waste reduction (waste 4820)

This item was considered alongside item 2122 51 below.

- 2122 50** To consider actions and funding needed to progress engagement with local businesses (economy and business)

RESOLVED: to create a budget line for Business and Economy with £2000.00 from 2022-3 (subject to Council approval of the 2022-3 budget) for the creation and maintenance of a **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** business/organisation contacts database.

Climate Emergency Co-Ordinator is leading this project. Cllr Bustard to advise on any maintenance issues once database is in operation.

- 2122 51 and 49** To consider actions and funding needed to progress the management of waste (waste 4820)

RESOLVED: Clerk to report back on what happens to trade waste within Kirklees and what is being done to encourage local businesses and HVPC assets such as *Holmfirth Civic* to recycle.

RESOLVED: to extend the meeting to 9.10pm to allow all business to be concluded.

NOTED: £500.00 remains in 2021-22 budget line 4820 to facilitate progress in the management of waste to reflect The Climate Emergency.

- 2122 52** To consider Honley Library Energy Audit Report proposal to earmark funds 2022-23 (energy 4810)

NOTED: Budget line 4810 2021-22 had £12,400.00 remaining, £10k of which to be allocated to Holmfirth Civic Hall to meet short term recommendations of Energy Audit in accordance with **2122 38**.

Cllr Andy Wilson and Mr Steve Barker had met with *Friends of Honley Library* to discuss Energy Audit recommendations.

RESOLVED: Subject to approval of **2022-23 CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE Budget**, £10,000.00 from Energy budget line 4810 2022-23 to be allocated to implement Honley Library Energy Audit recommendation.

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2122 53 To receive report regarding Yorkshire Motorsport Festival – plans to offset carbon footprint through creation of a community orchard

The Chair gave a verbal report on the meeting of 11-10-21 held with Yorkshire Motorsport Festival organisers. The organisers have asked for feedback on possible locations for the creation of a community orchard as an ongoing goodwill gesture in light of concerns about the environmentally detrimental impact of the Festival.

As part of the discussion following the report the points below were raised:

- i. The gesture offered in no way offsets against the environmental damage of the 30k event attendees.
- ii. Charging an extra £1 at future events to go on *Climate Emergency* projects may be of more help – but not within **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** control to take forward.
- iii. **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** needs to be consistent and equitable in its stance towards events. In the case of the Yorkshire Motorsports Festival the focus should be on concerns about the Hillclimb event rather than, for example, journeys made by event attenders.

2122 54 To consider budget for 2022-23 to recommend to FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to recommend to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** and thence to **FULL COUNCIL** that an overall budget of £46,000 be allocated to **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE**. This is the same overall budget as 2021-22.

RESOLVED: to create a new budget line for 2022-23 for Business and Economy of £2,000 within the overall £46,000 budget.

RESOLVED: subject to the approval of the overall £46,000 2022-23 budget, monies to be allocated to the different budget streams as follows:

- 4805 Community mobilisation: £22,000
- 4810 Energy Strategy: £20,000 (£10,000 of which to be earmarked for Honley Library energy efficiencies project)
- 4815 Transport Strategy: £1,000
- 4820 Waste and Consumption Strategy: £500
- 4825 Environment and Land Use Strategy: £500
- NEW STRAND Business and the Economy: £2,000

RESOLVED: to recommend to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** and thence to **FULL COUNCIL** that Earmarked Reserves may be created from 1st April 2022 and allocated to the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** in line with the following resolutions.

EMR CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE 1 - up to £10,000 Holmfirth Civic Hall – Energy Audit efficiency measures (to be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.)

RESOLVED: to recommend to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 22-11-21** that it recommends to **FULL COUNCIL 13-12-21** the creation of an **earmarked reserve** from 1st April 2022 of up to £10,000 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2021-22 for the Civic Hall energy audit efficiency measures into the next financial year. This may be needed due to the short turn-around times needed for the Civic to obtain quotations and then proceed with and complete the schedule of works by the end of the financial year 2021-22, thereby ensuring that monies would be available to complete the project [2122 38]

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EMR CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE 2 up to £6,900 for completion of Cargo-bike project (transport) to be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: to **RECOMMEND** to **FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** on **22-11-21** and thence to **FULL COUNCIL** on **13-12-21** the creation of EMR from 1st April 2022 of up to £6900.00 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2020-21 for the Cargo-bike into the next financial year [**2122 39**]

EMR CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE 3 up to £1,000 completion of roll out of “If it’s not far, leave the car” campaign (transport) to be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: to create an Earmarked Reserve of up to £1000 in the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** budget from 1st April 2022 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2021-22 for the final roll-out of the “If it’s not far, leave the car” campaign (transport) in the next financial year [**2122 40**]

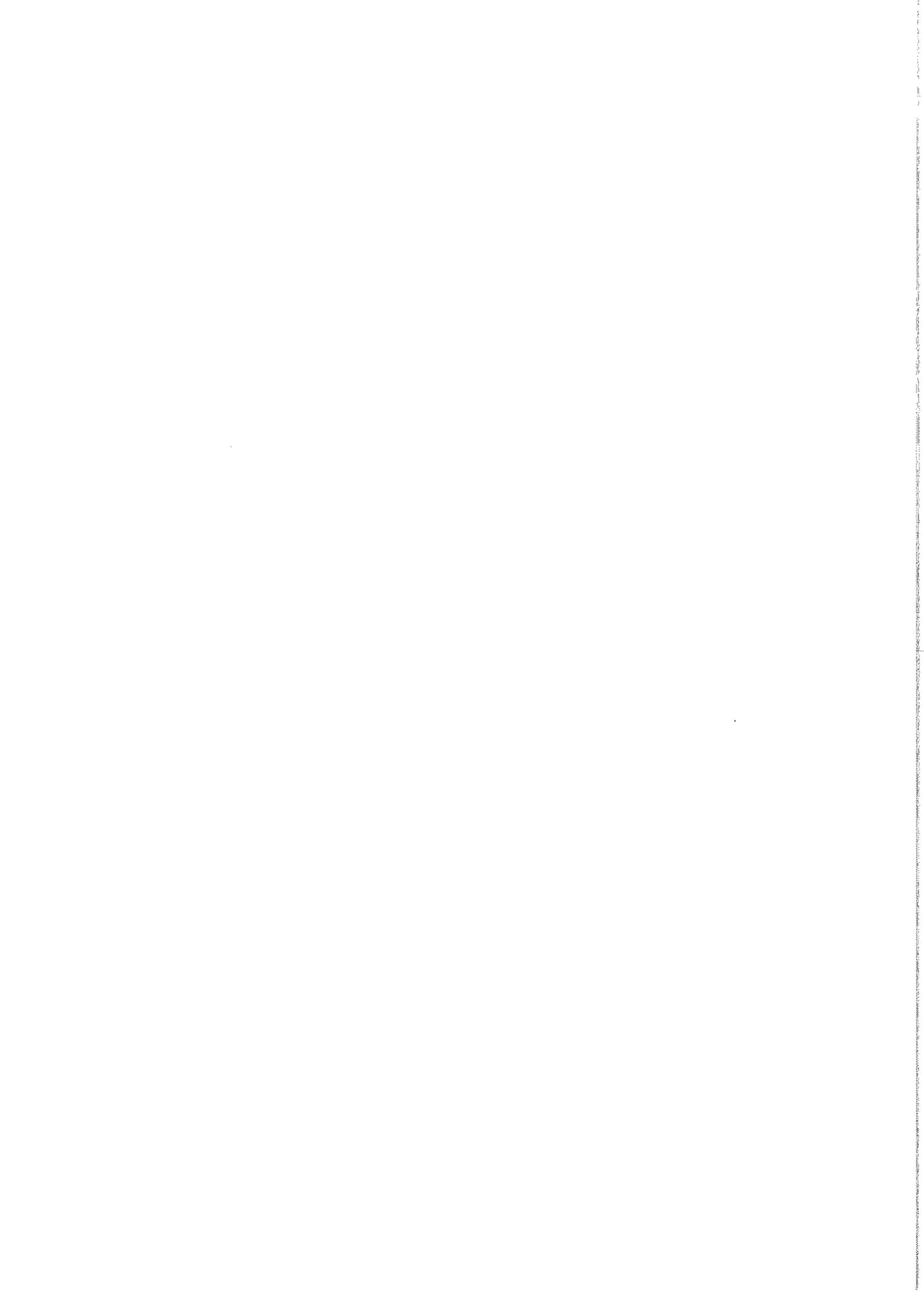
EMR CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE 4 up to £2,000 for ‘Living Streets’ (transport) project to be used only in the circumstance that monies allocated in 2021-22 budget for this purpose have not been drawn down by the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: to create an Earmarked Reserve of up to £2000 in the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE** budget from 1st April 2022 should there be a need to carry over unspent, approved funding from 2021-22 for completion of ‘Living Streets’ (transport) project into 2022-23 and beyond [**2122 45**]

Meeting closed: 9.20pm

SIGNED:
CHAIR





Budget 2021-22



Climate Emergency Standing Committee Year-to-Date and Projected

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Starting Budget	Revised Budget	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Remaining		
INCOME																			
Community Assets Support Committee																			
4310	Holmfirth Civic Hall	£0	£10,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40,000.00	£-30,000.00	4310	
Climate Emergency																			
4805	Community Mobilisation (inc salaries, on-costs, iPhone/iPad)	96.38%	£17,500	£17,500	£1,172.88	£1,266.41	£1,225.53	£3,297.38	£1,172.41	£1,172.41	£1,453.08	£1,356.91	£1,222.66	£1,182.41	£1,172.41	£1,172.41	£16,866.90	£633.10	4805
4810	Energy Strategy	11.43%	£14,000	£4,000	£1,600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,600.00	£2,400.00	4810	
4815	Transport Strategy	55.77%	£13,000	£13,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,900.00	£7,250.00	£5,750.00	4815	
4820	Waste Strategy	0.00%	£500	£500	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	4820	
4825	Environment Strategy	0.00%	£1,000	£1,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	4825	
Total Climate Emergency		183.42%	£63,500	£53,500	£3,945.76	£2,532.82	£2,451.06	£6,594.76	£2,344.82	£2,694.82	£2,906.16	£2,713.82	£2,445.32	£2,364.82	£2,344.82	£9,244.82	£42,583.80	£20,916.20	

Council 13th December 2021 Item 2122 80 approved a virement of £10,000 from budget line 4810 Energy Strategy to 4310 Holmfirth Civic Hall for energy saving improvements. Hence, the revisions in the respective budget lines highlighted in yellow. Monies to be released after Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust has three quotes for the work. As of 11th February, the Trust had received two quotes and was awaiting a third. The Trust did envisage calling on this money in the current financial year. If, for whatever reason, the Trust does not call on this money in financial year 2021-22, the Council has provision for creating an earmarked reserve for that money, so that it can roll over into 2022-23.

Council 13th December 2021 Item 2122 81 approved expenditure of £6,900 from budget line 4815 Transport Strategy. This expenditure has been approved and committed, hence, the £6,900 is accounted for in the March figures in pink. But payment must wait for approval by Finance and Management 14th March.

Budget 2022-23

Climate Emergency Standing Committee Budget

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Starting Budget 2021-22	Revised Budget 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Remaining	
INCOME																			
Climate Emergency																			
4805	Community Mobilisation (inc salaries, on-costs, iPhone/iPad)	£17,500	£17,500	£22,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22,000.00	4805
4810	Energy Strategy	£14,000	£4,000	£10,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	4810
4815	Transport Strategy	£13,000	£13,000	£1,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	4815
4820	Waste Strategy	£500	£500	£500	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	4820
4825	Environment Strategy	£1,000	£1,000	£500	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	4825
4830	Business and Economy	£0	£0	£2,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	4830
Total Climate Emergency		£46,000	£36,000	£36,000	£0.00	£36,000.00													

Revised Budget 2021-22 after a virement of £10,000 from budget line 4810 Energy Strategy to 4310 Holmfirth Civic Hall for energy saving improvements.

Earmarked Reserves

EMR 334	CESC - Honley Library Energy Efficiency	£0	£0	£10,000															
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Council 13th December 2021 Item 2122 94 approved the creation of an earmarked reserve EMR 334 CESC - Honley Library Energy Efficiency and allocated £10,000 to that reserve from 4810 Energy Strategy. This is to enable Honley Library to pursue similar energy savings measures granted to The Civic.

CESC 18th October 2021 Item 2122 40 may ask Council to create an earmarked reserve CESC - If It's Not Far Leave the Car if £1000 allotted in the 2021-22 budget is not spent this year but is rolled over.

CESC 18th October 2021 Item 2122 45 may ask Council to create an earmarked reserve CESC - Living Streets for Schools if £2000 allotted in the 2021-22 budget is not spent this year but is rolled over.



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Monday 13th December 2021

Dear Mr Parr

Kirklees policy and practice regarding trees

I am writing as Chair of Holme Valley Parish Council Climate Emergency Standing Committee. At a recent meeting the Committee looked into the issue of how trees were dealt with by Kirklees Council, and how they fitted into other Kirklees' policies. This was an issue referred to the Committee by Cllr Michael Pogson, Chairman of Holme Valley Parish Council, following correspondence from Kirkburton Parish Council.

In 2019 Kirklees Council declared a climate emergency and agreed to consider the environmental impact of all decisions. In the 2020 policy for council-owned trees and woodlands there is a commitment to planting more trees.

Holme Valley Parish Council also asks Kirklees Council to strive to conserve all existing trees in Kirklees and create and enhance areas of high biodiversity as these can be of greater value in terms of carbon sequestering potential and wildlife conservation than newly planted trees.

Thousands of Kirklees trees are threatened by housing, highways, industrial and commercial developments while many have already been felled since a climate emergency was declared by the Council. We ask that Kirklees Council commits to working with partner organisations to protect our existing trees, prioritises their conservation and raises awareness of their value in gardens, on our streets and in our parks, farmland and other green spaces.

Please note that the Holme Valley Parish Council Climate Emergency Standing Committee resolved to write to Kirklees Council through myself as the Chair in support of the policy put forward formerly by Kirkburton Parish Council. This policy is as follows:

1. That Kirklees consider best use in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration of all land that they identify as areas for mitigating the climate and ecological crisis.
2. That Kirklees wholeheartedly adopts this policy and uses it to guide all decisions, particularly when considering planning applications.
3. Sets targets to increase the stock of both native and climate resilient trees, hedgerows and woodland

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on Council land, and work with partners to set and achieve similar targets across the Kirklees district.

4. Keeps account of tree felling the Council sanctions and ensures that it is more offset in terms of carbon and biodiversity.
5. Deters individuals and developers from harming trees with TPOs or any other environmental or historic designation by acting promptly to reports of imminent felling, taking immediate enforcement action and putting pressure on others, such as the Forestry Commission and central Government to do the same.
6. Values and strives to protect all existing trees in Kirklees, bearing in mind that a ten-year-old tree captures about 4 times more carbon than a sapling; older trees are in general better at sequestering carbon than younger ones and one veteran oak has more biodiversity than a thousand 100-year-old oaks.
7. Works with partners to manage all existing woodlands and hedgerows to encourage natural regeneration and understorey development and ensure their long-term survival.
8. Creates and conserves areas of unimproved, semi natural or priority-habitats; retains and protect areas of naturally regenerating trees and shrubs and avoids planting trees on these areas, unless it enhances their value in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration.
9. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species of wildlife within Kirklees.
10. Stipulates that a minimum stand-off distance for all new development in the vicinity of existing woodland is created - 20 m or more from the end of the gardens, and does more to prevent tipping of garden waste and encroachment by householders.
11. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species and raise awareness within our communities of the value of all our trees (even young ones) in terms of landscape, amenity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture

I'd be grateful if you could share this correspondence as necessary within Kirklees Council and look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Kind Regards



CLlr Rachel Hogley
Chair
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cc.

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Date: 12th January 2021

Our Ref:

Dear Councillor Hogley,

I have been forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr Colin Parr dated 13th December 2021 in respect of Kirklees policy and practice regarding trees. I understand that your correspondence is a consequence of the Parish Council reviewing how they feel trees should be dealt with by Kirklees as an entity. Whilst your letter is not specifically directed towards Planning, it does refer to matters such as Tree Preservation Orders, which is within the remit of Planning Services. Consequently, this response is on behalf of Planning, encompassing Planning Policy, Development Management and the Council's Tree Officers, rather than the wider Council objectives around tree planting. I understand that Colin Parr's team will respond to your letter separately.

In terms of process, your email principally asks that the policies that HVPC outline are adopted. In terms of planning policy, however, the Kirklees Local Plan, which sets out the Council's policies that form the basis for determining planning applications (unless material considerations indicate otherwise), is recently adopted (February 2019). The addition of policies to the Local Plan (or changes to policies) could only be undertaken through an update to the Local Plan. This would follow the same process as the initial Local Plan (public consultation, independent examination etc.). At present, the Council do not have a timetable for updating the Plan. At the point at which that occurs, all available evidence would be considered to determine whether further policies or changes to policies would be needed. Public consultation would form a key part of any emerging changes, which would obviously include HVPC.

In the meantime, the planning system does contain provisions for Neighbourhood Development Plans which can seek to introduce policies to be used to determine planning applications in the same way as the Local Plan is used, as you will know in the Holme Valley.

In terms of how the Council utilise existing planning policies, the Local Plan contain policies which cover many of the points that you raise. These include, but are not restricted to:

Policy LP24: Design - this refers to “the retention of valuable or important trees and where appropriate the planting of new trees and other landscaping to maximise visual amenity and environmental benefits”;

- Policy LP30: Bio-diversity - this relates to protecting and enhancing the biodiversity and geodiversity of Kirklees, including the range of international, national and locally designated wildlife and geological sites, Habitats and Species of Principal Importance and the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network;
- Policy LP33: Trees – this specifically relates to trees and woodland including reference to valuable and important trees, reference to national standards and mitigation.

I would also advise that beyond the scope of the planning process, the Council have a corporate Tree Policy, which includes the following ‘Council Owned Tree and Woodland Management Policy’ statements:

- The Council will seek to proactively increase tree and woodland cover in both rural and urban parts of the district.
- The Council will not agree to the removal of healthy trees from the environment unless this removal is deemed necessary under the Kirklees Council Tree Risk Management Framework or is in line with good woodland management practices.

Bearing in mind the above, and the distinction between planning policies and the Council's corporate approach to trees, by way of direct response to the points HVPC raise within your letter, I would respond as follows:

1. That they consider best use in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration of all land that they identify as areas for mitigating the climate and ecological crisis.
 - *This is beyond the scope of the Local Planning Authority. I am aware that the Council is currently in the process of assessing and identifying sites. Such sites will be managed in line with current Council policies, national legislation and guidance, including the provisions of the recent Environment Bill.*
2. That Kirklees wholeheartedly adopts this policy and uses it to guide all decisions, particularly when considering planning applications.
 - *As above, the council's current suite of planning policies already covers many of these points. Any changes to these policies need to be considered via the Local Plan review process set out above.*
3. Sets targets to increase the stock of both native and climate resilient trees, hedgerows and woodland on Council land, and work with partners to set and achieve similar targets across the Kirklees district.

- *Again, this would be beyond the scope of the Planning Service. However, I believe that as part of the Council's White Rose Forest commitment, it has a target of an increase in canopy cover by 2500 ha across both council and non-council land by 2050 (this is equal to around an additional 4 to 5 million trees depending on planting density).*
4. Keeps account of tree felling the Council sanctions and ensures that it is more offset in terms of carbon and biodiversity.
- *The recent Environment Bill with its biodiversity net gain requirement, and the carbon offsetting requirements will account for this, which is within the planning requirements detailed above. The Council will manage and record this within the constrictions of the planning process and will aim to review its data recording procedures to align with the eventual requirements for the implementation of the Environment Bill.*
5. Deters individuals and developers from harming trees with TPOs or any other environmental or historic designation by acting promptly to reports of imminent felling, taking immediate enforcement action and putting pressure on others, such as the Forestry Commission and central Government to do the same.
- *This is already within the Council's planning department's remit. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) act as appropriate on enforcement cases in line with national legislation and the Kirklees enforcement strategy. Kirklees endeavours to work closely with landowners, developers and partners, such as the Forestry Commission, in relation to ensuring compliance with tree protection.*
6. Values and strives to protect all existing trees in Kirklees, bearing in mind that a ten-year-old tree captures about 4 times more carbon than a sapling; older trees are in general better at sequestering carbon than younger ones and one veteran oak has more biodiversity than a thousand 100-year-old oaks.
- *The Council, as a corporate entity, has already set out a clear statement within its Tree Policy that it will only work on and remove its own trees if there is a safety issue or is required under a planning condition – and if that is the case it will undertake compensatory planting beyond what is statutorily required.*
 - *Regarding third party trees, the Kirklees Local Plan includes policies that require the retention of existing important trees to be an integral part of any development design and states that planning permission will not be granted where developments directly or indirectly threaten trees or woodlands of significant amenity value.*
 - *All applications to work on protected trees, privately owned or local authority owned, are dealt with, in line with national planning guidance. Decision making is, consequently, premised on the retention of valuable or important trees and based*

on a balance between the amenity value of the tree and the justification, and supporting expert evidence, provided in support of applications received (LP33).

7. Works with partners to manage all existing woodlands and hedgerows to encourage natural regeneration and under-storey development and ensure their long-term survival.
 - *Again, this is beyond the scope of the LPA, but I understand that the Council already works with several third sector organisations to secure its woodland portfolio and is looking to bring as much of its own woodland as possible under management to develop its ecological and recreational potential. I am sure Colin Parr's team will provide further comment.*
8. Creates and conserves areas of unimproved, semi natural or priority habitats; retains and protect areas of naturally regenerating trees and shrubs and avoids planting trees on these areas, unless it enhances their value in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration.
 - *The delivery of the green infrastructure networks within the district will be knowledge led, considering factors such as proximity and transmissions pathways to priority habitats and species, as well as longer term considerations such as climate change migration corridors. The adopted Kirklees Local Plan includes existing policies to safeguard and enhance green infrastructure networks (LP31) as well as the protection of habitats (LP30), and these requirements are factored into the evaluation of development proposals, as well as the wider management and design of climate change mitigation and adaptation schemes within the district.*
9. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species of wildlife within Kirklees.
 - *The Council are already doing this by developing and expanding habitats as part of the green infrastructure and nature recovery networks. The Local Plan also includes policies to protect and enhance biodiversity, including the range of international, national, and locally designated wildlife sites, Habitats and Species of Principal Importance and the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network (LP30).*
10. Stipulates that a minimum stand-off distance for all new development in the vicinity of existing woodland is created - 20 m or more from the end of the gardens and does more to prevent tipping of garden waste and encroachment by householders.
 - *The Council generally follow the published standing advice from Natural England and the Forestry Commission with regards to appropriate buffer zones between ancient woodland designations*

and new developments. Where new developments are proposed adjacent to existing woodlands, in accordance with the implementation of the Local Plan (LP32), the Council strives to ensure that the woodland is removed from domestic curtilage, appropriate boundary treatment is implemented (between the woodland and residential areas) and the woodland edge is brought under beneficial management.

- *The investigation and prosecution of garden waste tipping is not straightforward, as the offence requires the identification of the individual who committed the offence. I believe the Council do write to households when it appears they may have illegally deposited their green waste to advise on how to either compost or take advantage of the Council's green waste disposal services.*

11. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species and raise awareness within our communities of the value of all our trees (even young ones) in terms of landscape, amenity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture.

- *In planning terms, regarding new development the Local Plan requires the protection of biodiversity and geodiversity to protect habitat for the range of species, premised on a policy of no net loss and the enhancement of existing habitats (LP30). Protection within the local planning process is already in place via Local Plan Policies LP30 and LP33.*

I hope this adequately responds to your letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Cllr Hogley

Thank you for your correspondence addressed to Colin Parr, Strategic Director.

As you have highlighted, we declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and in 2020 we adopted a Tree Policy. As part of these commitments since 2019 there have been **35,864** trees planted in Kirklees and we continue to work with the White Rose Forest, with the aim of increasing tree canopy cover by 35% by 2050.

Our work to increase and protect trees ranges from one of the largest new areas of tree planting in the North of England on former industrial land in Dewsbury, to working with school children to create 'Tiny Forests'.

I have addressed each of your points in order and would draw your attention to the following links:-

Local Plan

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/local-plan-strategy-and-policies.pdf>

Tree Policy

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-and-development.aspx#trees-listing-and-conservation>

These links provide further details relating to the points raised.

- 1. That Kirklees consider best use in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration of all land that they identify as areas for mitigating the climate and ecological crisis.**

We are currently in the process of assessing and identifying sites. Such sites will be managed in line with current Council policies, national legislation and guidance, including the provisions in the new Environment Act 2021.

2. That Kirklees wholeheartedly adopts this policy and uses it to guide all decisions, particularly when considering planning applications.

The current suite of National and Council policies, guide our decisions and cover biodiversity and carbon sequestration for mitigating the climate and ecological crisis. Any changes to these policies would need to be considered via the review process, and associated consultation and examination.

3. Sets targets to increase the stock of both native and climate resilient trees, hedgerows and woodland on Council land, and work with partners to set and achieve similar targets across the Kirklees district.

As part of our White Rose Forest commitment, we have a target of an increase in canopy cover by 2500 ha across both council and non-council land by 2050. This is equal to around an additional 4 to 5 million trees dependant on planting density.

4. Keeps account of tree felling the Council sanctions and ensures that it is more offset in terms of carbon and biodiversity.

The Environment Act 2021 that has recently been adopted includes a biodiversity net gain requirement. When the associated secondary legislation and Secretary of State guidance is released, the details provided by these will be translated into requirements in our planning policies. We already manage tree felling within the planning process and we aim to review data recording procedures to align with the requirements for the implementation of the Environment Act.

5. Deters individuals and developers from harming trees with TPOs or any other environmental or historic designation by acting promptly to reports of imminent felling, taking immediate enforcement action and putting pressure on others, such as the Forestry Commission and central Government to do the same.

We endeavour to work closely with landowners, developers and partners, such as the Forestry Commission, in relation to ensuring compliance with tree protection. As the Local Planning Authority, the Council takes action on enforcement cases in line with national legislation and the Kirklees Enforcement Strategy.

6. Values and strives to protect all existing trees in Kirklees, bearing in mind that a ten-year-old tree captures about 4 times more carbon than a sapling; older trees are in general better at sequestering carbon than younger ones and one veteran oak has more biodiversity than a thousand 100-year-old oaks.

The Tree Policy includes a clear statement that the Council will only work on and remove its own trees if there is a safety issue or is required to do so under a planning condition. If removal is required as part of a planning condition the Council are committed to undertaking compensatory planting beyond the statutory requirement.

The Kirklees Local Plan includes policies for third party trees which require the retention of existing important trees to be an integral part of any development design and states that planning permission will not be granted where developments directly or indirectly threaten trees or woodlands of significant amenity value.

All applications to work on protected trees, privately owned or local authority owned, are dealt with, in line with national planning guidance. Decision making is, consequently, premised on the retention of valuable or important trees and based on a balance between the amenity value of the tree and the justification, and supporting expert evidence, provided in support of applications received.

7. Works with partners to manage all existing woodlands and hedgerows to encourage natural regeneration and under-storey development and ensure their long-term survival.

We work with several third sector organisations for example Friends of Groups on our woodland portfolio and are looking to bring as much of our own woodland as possible under management to develop its ecological and recreational potential.

8. Creates and conserves areas of unimproved, semi natural or priority habitats; retains and protect areas of naturally regenerating trees and shrubs and avoids planting trees on these areas, unless it enhances their value in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration.

The delivery of the green infrastructure networks within the district will be knowledge led, considering factors such as proximity and transmission pathways to priority habitats and species, as well as longer term considerations such as climate change migration corridors. The adopted Kirklees Local Plan includes policies to safeguard and enhance green infrastructure networks as well as the protection of habitats and these requirements are factored into the evaluation of development proposals as well as the wider management and design of climate change mitigation and adaptation schemes within the district.

9. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species of wildlife within Kirklees

The Local Plan includes policies to protect and enhance Biodiversity including the range of international, national, and locally designated wildlife sites, Habitats and Species of Principal Importance and the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.

We are also addressing this by developing and expanding priority habitats as part of the green infrastructure and nature recovery networks. This work is complemented by education programmes, 'citizen science' and engaging people directly in the delivery of landscapes, be that woodland creation, grass land management or working with partners on moorland conservation.

10. Stipulates that a minimum stand-off distance for all new development in the vicinity of existing woodland is created - 20 m or more from the end of the gardens and does more to prevent tipping of garden waste and encroachment by householders.

We follow the guidance from Natural England and the Forestry Commission with regards to appropriate buffer zones between ancient woodland designations and new developments. Where new developments are proposed adjacent to existing woodlands, appropriate boundary treatment is implemented (between the woodland and residential areas) and the woodland edge is brought under beneficial management.

We take fly-tipping of all waste very seriously and we have had great success, despite the ongoing pandemic, in holding people to account and taking court action. We will continue to use all resources available to us to investigate fly-tipping reports and act.

11. Takes positive steps to protect threatened species and raise awareness within our communities of the value of all our trees (even young ones) in terms of landscape, amenity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture.

The local plan requires the protection of biodiversity and geodiversity to protect habitat for a range of species. We also seek to raise awareness of the importance of not only trees but wider biodiversity and sustainability through environmental education programs in schools and with communities.

I hope the above addresses your questions and you can see that protecting and enhancing nature and biodiversity to address the ecological crisis and provide our residents with high quality green spaces are key components of our wider climate and environmental sustainability work.

Yours sincerely



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From: [REDACTED] <clerk@denbydale.com>
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:48
To: clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Climate Emergency Leaflet

Hello Jen

Hope you are well and enjoying your role!

I've been asked by a member of our climate emergency working party if it was possible for you to send a physical copy of your latest Climate Emergency Action Plan leaflet?

Address as below if this is possible!

Many thanks

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From: Elvaston Parish Council <elvastonclerk@gmail.com>
Sent: 03 February 2022 08:08
To: clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Climate Emergency Action Plan

Dear Jen

I have been sent a copy of your Climate Emergency Action Plan by my Chairman, in the hope that we can gain permission to recreate a similar document relevant to our small rural parish in South Derbyshire.

Some of the graphics you have used within the document are fantastic and very hard-hitting, just what we need to make people stop and think about their carbon footprint. We have already taken the step and declared a climate emergency, we are now in the position where we require the supporting documentation and policy to enable us to effect change moving forwards.

If you are able to let me know if you have any objections to us using your document as a base, I would be most grateful.

Kind regards


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Replacement LED Lighting

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a.	Hall Area - 16No LED Panels (6No Emergency)	Item	1271.49
b.	Library - 5No LED Panels	Item	311.06
c.	Cleaners Store - 1No 6ft Twin Non Corrosive	Item	78.64
d.	Kitchen - 1No 5ft & 1No 6ft Twin Non Corrosive	Item	143.55
e.	Mezzanine - 7No 4ft Twin LED Surface Fittings	Item	829.48
f.	Staircase - Convert 4No Emergency Fittings to LED	Item	331.23
g.	Boys W.C - 1no Circular & 1No 4ft Emergency Non Corrosive	Item	168.88
h.	Girls W.C - 1No Normal & 1No Emergency 4ft Non Corrosive	Item	166.35
i.	Staff W.C - 1No Circular LED Fitting	Item	63.70
j.	Heads Office - 1No Normal & 1No Emergency 4ft LED	Item	166.35
k.	Office - 1No Normal & 1No Emergency 4ft LED	Item	166.35
l.	Entrance - 4No Circular Panels (2No Emergency)	Item	400.28
m.	IT Room - 4No 4ft Twin LED Surface Fittings	Item	486.56
n.	Boiler Room & Store - 5No 4ft Twin Non Corrosive (2No Emergency)	Item	486.89
o.	External - 12No LED Wallpack & 1No Circular	Item	934.79
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