

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

PURPOSE: To inform on actions to date and propose the earmarking of funds to support the programme of work

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Council approves the progress of the Climate Emergency Action Plan and a budget of £200.00 to support its implementation

1. Background

At the Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) meeting on 24 August 2022 the Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan to date and earmarked funds of £200.00 towards the implementation of the Plan. The TPC Climate Change Champion/Activist Sara Scott-Rivers and the TPC Holybank Quarry Warden, Pete Girdlestone, have been supporting the activity identified in the Plan.

DWT offers a service for opportunity mapping for £1000.00. However, this project is being offered to Tintwistle Parish Council for £350.00. The report would provide:

- Mapping and a description of the current state of diversity, using the new Nature Recovery Network modelling to identify core network and priority sites. It would include existing corridors, strategic gaps and potential threats.
- Development of an action plan which would identify the strategically important sites for habit restoration or creation; overview of next steps, including actions for restoration of key species groups in the area; resources on habit creation and management for core networks sites and priority habitats (including ancient hedgerows); and where possible funding recommendations will be provided.

2. Options for Council

- i. Approve the progress of the Plan and the earmarking of £350.00 for DWT Opportunity Mapping and the purchase of wildflower seeds
- ii. Approve the Plan with amendments
- iii. Reject the Plan with the implication that the Parish Council does not comply with UK Government targets

3. Reason for Recommendation

TPC has already approved the intention to have a Climate Emergency Action Plan. The Council needs to be satisfied with the effectiveness of the Action Plan which requires a level of funding to enable its implementation.

4. Expected Benefits

The Parish of Tintwistle and Crowden will benefit in the following ways:

- The local community receive support and guidance to tackle the challenges of climate change

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- The Tintwistle and Crowden natural environment will benefit in respect of its biodiversity
- TPC Business Plan will incorporate Climate Change priorities

5. Implications

5.1 Legal - N/A

5.2 **Risks** – TPC cannot be seen as denying the Climate Emergency and any political fallout from this position

5.3 **Financial** – Expenditure to support the implementation of the Plan

5.4 **Timescales** – June 2022 – March 2025

5.5 **Stakeholders** – Peak District National Park, United Utilities, local community and businesses

5.6 **Contracts** – N/A

5.7 **Crime and Disorder**- N/A

5.8 **Biodiversity** – Central to the Plan

5.9 **Data Privacy Impact** – N/A

5.10 **Equality and Diversity** – All sectors of the community to be involved

5.11 **Climate Change**- Central to the Plan

Appendices

A. Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan 2022/25 December 2022