



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**7 OCTOBER 2020**

Agenda No

**7**

**Officer:** Amanda Spencer – Deputy Town Clerk

**Climate Emergency Initiatives**

**Purpose of Report**

To inform members on the current position regarding the climate emergency initiatives taken by Shrewsbury Town Council.

**Climate Emergency Working Group**

The group met for its second meeting on 22 October 2020 and the minutes of that meeting are at the end of this report as Appendix A. The next meeting will take place in January 2021.

The main topic of discussion at the meeting was the draft Climate Emergency action plan 2020-2024 which is attached to this report as Appendix B. This will be finalised at the next meeting.

In addition to the new actions under discussion within the working group, Shrewsbury Town Council is currently undertaking a number of initiatives from the previously agreed capital plan which come under the remit of Climate Emergency. The Committee is therefore asked to agree to the commitment of funds from the Climate Emergency budget as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Original Budget Allocation</b>	<b>Proposed commitment from CE Budget</b>
Solar Lighting Project in the Quarry	£72,710	£45,000	£27,710
Replace Street Light heads with LED	£138,671	£95,000	£43,671
Explore electric Vehicle options for fleet (Electric Mule purchased – a fuel one would cost around £12,000)	£16,704	None. Would come from capital budget.	£4,704 (the difference in cost between electric and fuel)
Installing electric vehicle charging points at the Weeping Cross Depot	£2,200	None. Would come from capital budget.	£2,200
Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling	Phase 1 £26,581 Phase 2 tbc	Phase 1 £26,581 Phase 2 £48,269	Phase 1 £2,658 (10%) Phase 2 10% of final spend
500 British native tree whips to grow in Nursery	£500	£0	£500
<b>TOTAL proposed commitment</b>			<b>£78,785</b>



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That the Report and content of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group minutes be noted.**
- (ii) That the committee agree to commit the suggested amounts from the Climate Emergency budget.**