

Environmental Action Plan

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1	Future Energy System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1(a) Deliver the Innovate UK-funded Smart Local Energy Systems Concept and Design study called "Energy Autonomous Community (Isle of Wight)" project, working in collaboration with the University of Portsmouth. • 1(b) Contact the local HE sector, principally Portsmouth & Southampton Universities, to discuss opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate projects. • 1(c) Consider a formal agreement with the network operator (Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks) to collaborate on designing a network that meets the Island's ambitions and to approach the Regulator together if regulatory change is required. • 1(d) Reinvigorate the PTEC tidal energy project off the South Coast
2	Sustainable Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Visit Isle of Wight to produce a vision for Sustainable Tourism
3	Promoting the Biosphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Biosphere Nomination is successful, develop a Biosphere Action Plan
4	Promoting Electric Vehicles and Low Carbon Fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4(a) Council to purchase 4 electric vehicles • 4(b) Extend the EV charge point network in public car parks • 4(c) Offer 12 months free parking (All-Island Car Park Permit) in council car parks for new plug-in zero emission electric vehicles registered to an Island address between 01.04.19 – 31.03.20 • 4(d) Offer free parking for EV owners in dedicated bays whilst vehicle is charging

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5	Conserving our water supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan a new public education campaign with Southern Water for delivery in 2020
6	Farming & Rural Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a Rural Summit in partnership with Natural Enterprise to consider environmental issues in the context of Brexit and DEFRA's "public money for public goods" agenda
7	Involving the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore new methods of verge management to encourage wildlife and biodiverse habitats
8	Reducing travel impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8(a) Encourage higher priority for active travel (walking, cycling) in new road schemes and developments 8(b) Promote designation of quiet lanes (20mph) to link bridleway and footpath network 8(c) Promoting greater awareness of safe walking routes to schools
9	Green Business Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and promote the Green Impact Programme
10	Circular Economy (waste and recycling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the voluntary sector to organise the distribution of surplus food
11	Plastic-free Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners to identify funding for an innovation programme to encourage business start-ups utilising local waste materials.