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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL REDUCES ITS CARBON FOOTPRINT

Godalming Town Council's Carbon Audit for the period 1 April 2019-31 March 2020, which was presented to the Council's Environment & Planning Committee meeting on 17 September 2020, showed a significant reduction of its Carbon Footprint.

Councillors were delighted to note that the Council achieved a 21% year on year reduction of CO₂e. The Council calculates its carbon footprint using the Carbon Trust Carbon Footprint Calculator, <https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/sme-carbon-footprint-calculator> designed for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's). Members were pleased to note the reductions achieved resulted from simple, but effective changes including the replacement of old light fittings to modern LED lighting and also replacing the old hot water and heating system in the Pepperpot as well as more efficient hand dryers in the public toilets.

The Council will also complete the transfer of its energy contracts to renewable energy suppliers by November 2020. Godalming Town Council's electricity requirements will then be generated from 100% renewable energy, certified by UK renewable energy guarantees of origin.

In noting the Carbon Audit, Councillor Steve Williams, Leader of the Green Party on Godalming Town Council said "Godalming Town Council has shown that simple changes make a big difference and that many other businesses in the town, as well as individual residents could also reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs by following the same simple steps taken by the Council, which added together would have a greater cumulative effect, these changes don't cost the earth but could help save it!"

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Notes for Editors: Godalming Town Council's Environment & Planning Committee is to address and formulate policy for consideration by the Council to discharge the Council's functions relating to the local environment and infrastructure.

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