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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL (GTC) CONTINUES TO REDUCE ITS CO2 EMISSIONS

At the Environment & Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, 24 June, Councillors received the Town Council's Carbon Audit from 1 April 2020-31 March 2021 and were pleased to note the overall reduction achieved of 36.8% in KgCO₂e since 31 March 2019.

The transfer of energy contracts to renewable energy suppliers began in early 2020; all GTC's electricity requirements are now generated from renewable electricity suppliers, certified by UK 100% renewable energy guarantees of origin. This has resulted in a saving of 6,255KgCO₂e in comparison with a non-renewable electricity supply system.

In acknowledging the current success in reducing the Council's carbon footprint, Members expressed that reductions thus far had been achieved at little or no additional cost to the Council and the Council should work to inform the community on how others could achieve similar reductions. It is expected that future reductions will become more challenging and that a strategic plan is required to identify future options for carbon reduction within the Town Council's property portfolio.

Information boards about the practical steps that the Council has taken to reduce its carbon footprint will be produced and used at public events, one of the first being the [Godalming Green Gala](#), the Council's first sustainable living event for the community taking place on Saturday, 14 August.

If you have a project that would fall under the Council's Carbon Reduction Fund, please visit the [Grants](#) page on our website to find out how to apply.

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