



# Ross-on-Wye Town Council

## Steps to Sustainability

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### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Ross-on-Wye Town Council has pledged to take steps in all its activities to behave responsibly towards the environment.

### 2. WASTE

- 2.1 Ross-on-Wye Town Council will look at all council activities and where possible will reduce waste and minimise the amount of waste going to landfill. To this end, the Town Council will recycle and reduce paper waste where it can.
- 2.2 It will support and promote schemes to cut the amount of household waste generated and ending in landfill and will encourage households to recycle and compost.

### 3. SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIES

- 3.1 Where possible, the Town Council will use local suppliers to encourage economic growth within the town.
- 3.2 Where supplies are bought in, Fairtrade will be supported and encouraged.
- 3.3 Support and encourage the town in its Fairtrade status.
- 3.4 It will support and promote local Farmers' Markets selling local produce.

### 4. SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 4.1 The services being delivered by the Town Council will not be detrimental to the quality of life for people living, working and visiting the town.
- 4.2 The Town Council will monitor and report to Herefordshire Council poor workmanship on the roads to help prevent accidents.
- 4.3 The Town Council will encourage road safety initiatives, particularly those aimed at reducing speeding by motorists.
- 4.4 Support Herefordshire Council's attempts to tackle rogue traders to protect the elderly and vulnerable.

### 5. CLIMATE CHANGE

- 5.1 Ross Town Council will endeavour to decrease CO2 emissions from its activities and encourage partners and contractors to do the same.

### 6. SURROUNDINGS

- 6.1 Ross Town Council will endeavour to conserve and protect the town's outstanding natural and historic environment.
- 6.2 Encourage Herefordshire Council to keep sustainable development at the heart of the Council's Land Use Planning.
- 6.3 Ensure sustainable development principles underpin the Ross Neighbourhood Plan.

*Adopted by Policy & Management Committee, June 2017*