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Hythe Town Council

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To Hythe Town Council
Date 14 May 2021
Status **Non Exempt**
Responsible officer Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Subject **CARBON FOOTPRINT REPORT F&GP/03/21**

SUMMARY:

In mid-2019, Hythe Town Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and set a zero-carbon date for the Council for 2025 at the latest and are monitoring its carbon efficiency. Cllr Sandy McConnell has been monitoring the gas and electric usage amongst other things and has supplied some information on the website which can be found on the council website: <https://www.hythe-tc.gov.uk/climate-emergency-declaration/>

This report gives an overview of the Council's usage of Gas and Electricity from January until April 2021, as well as the equivalent carbon usage for the same time period.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:-

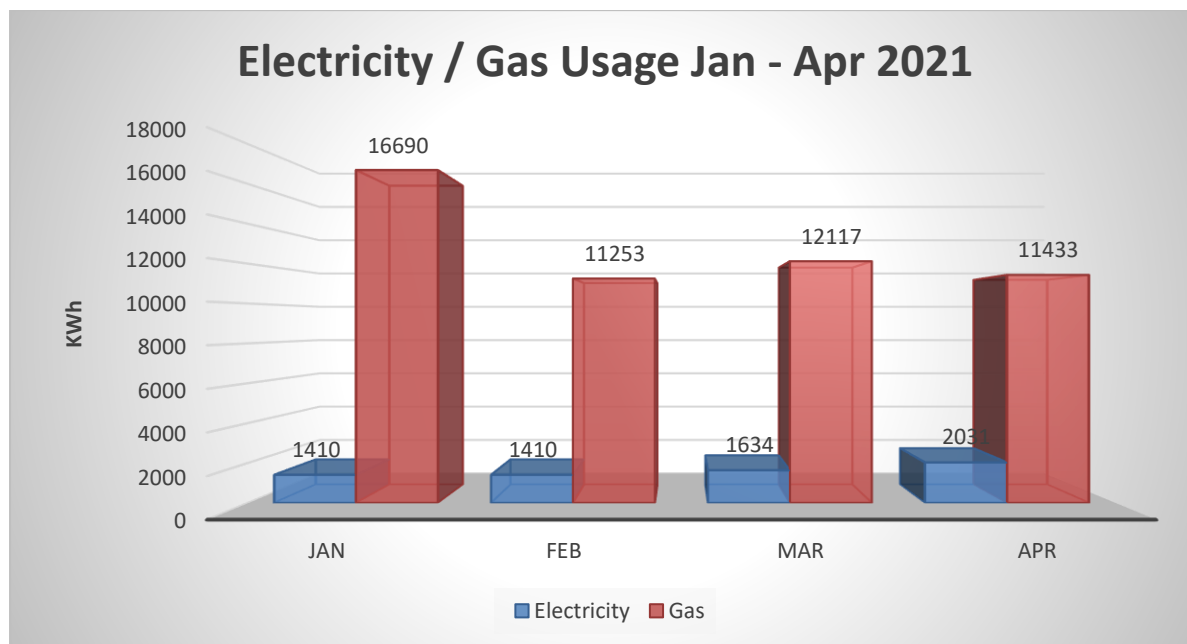
- a) Hythe Town Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and set a zero-carbon date for the council for 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note the report F&GP/03/21.

INTRODUCTION

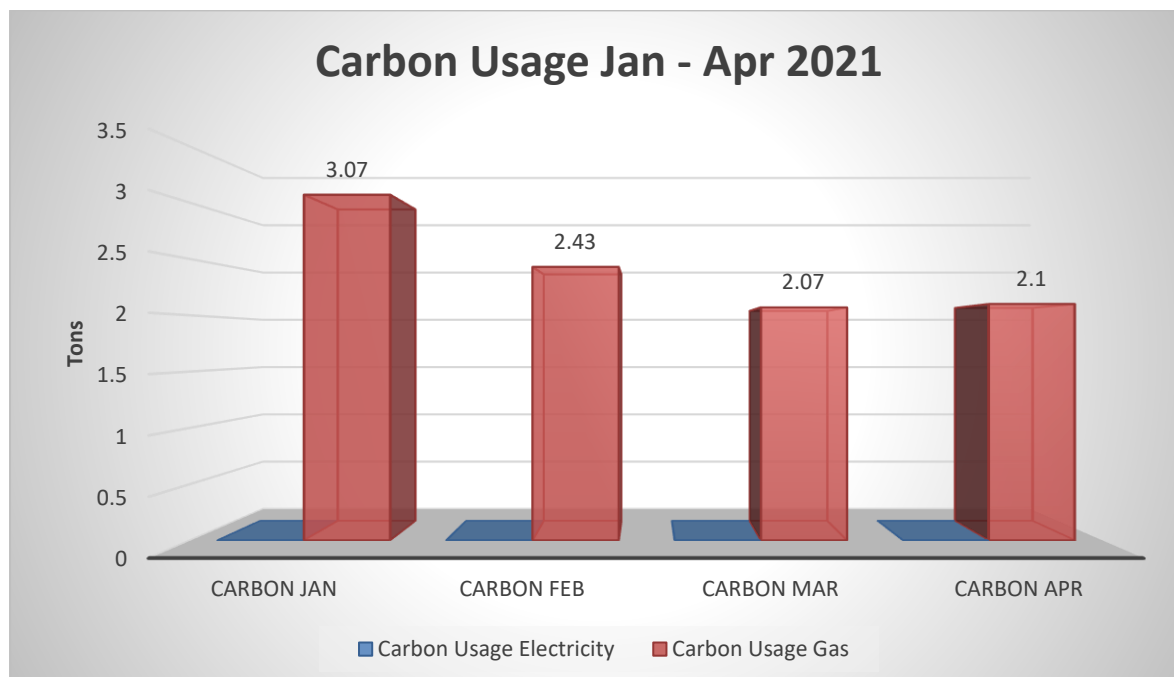
Carbon Footprint Report January – April 2021



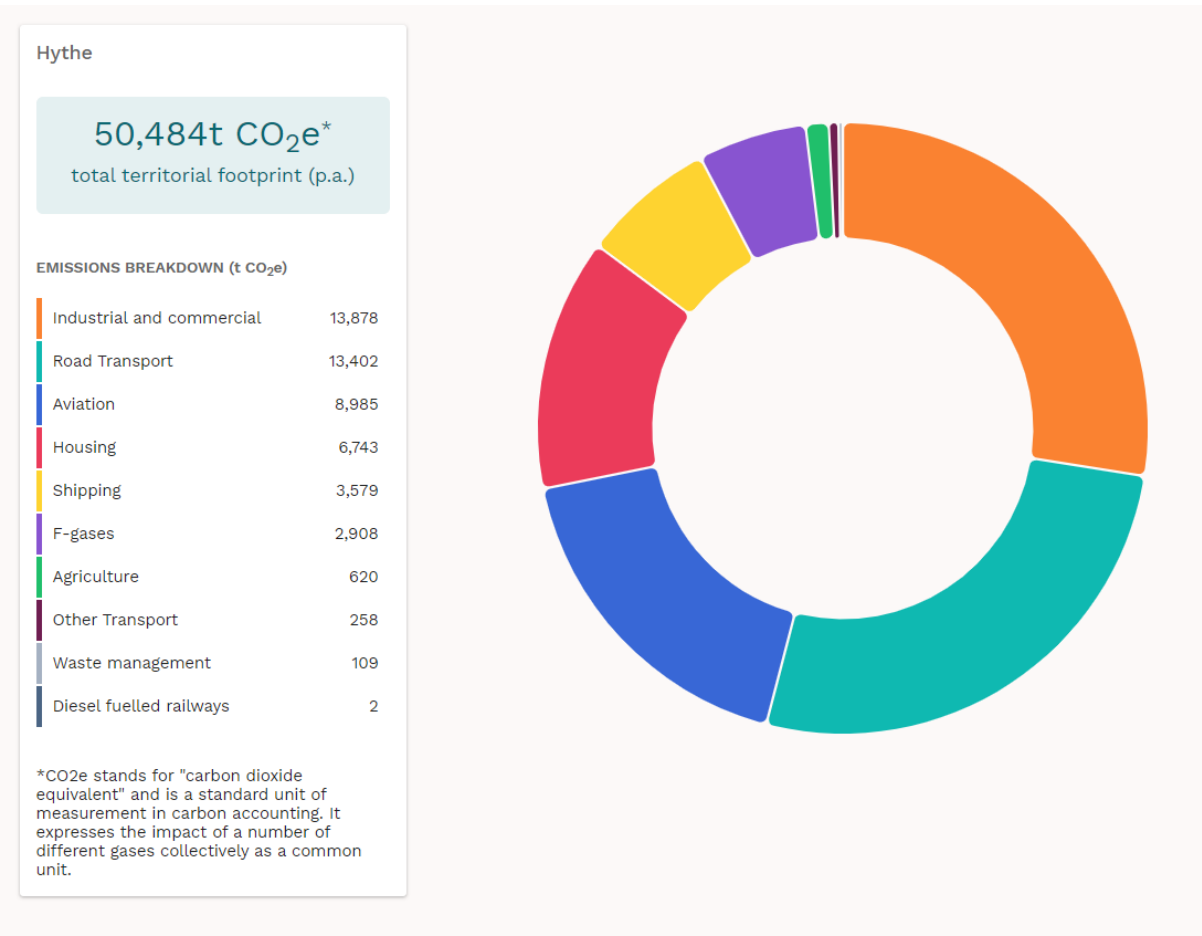
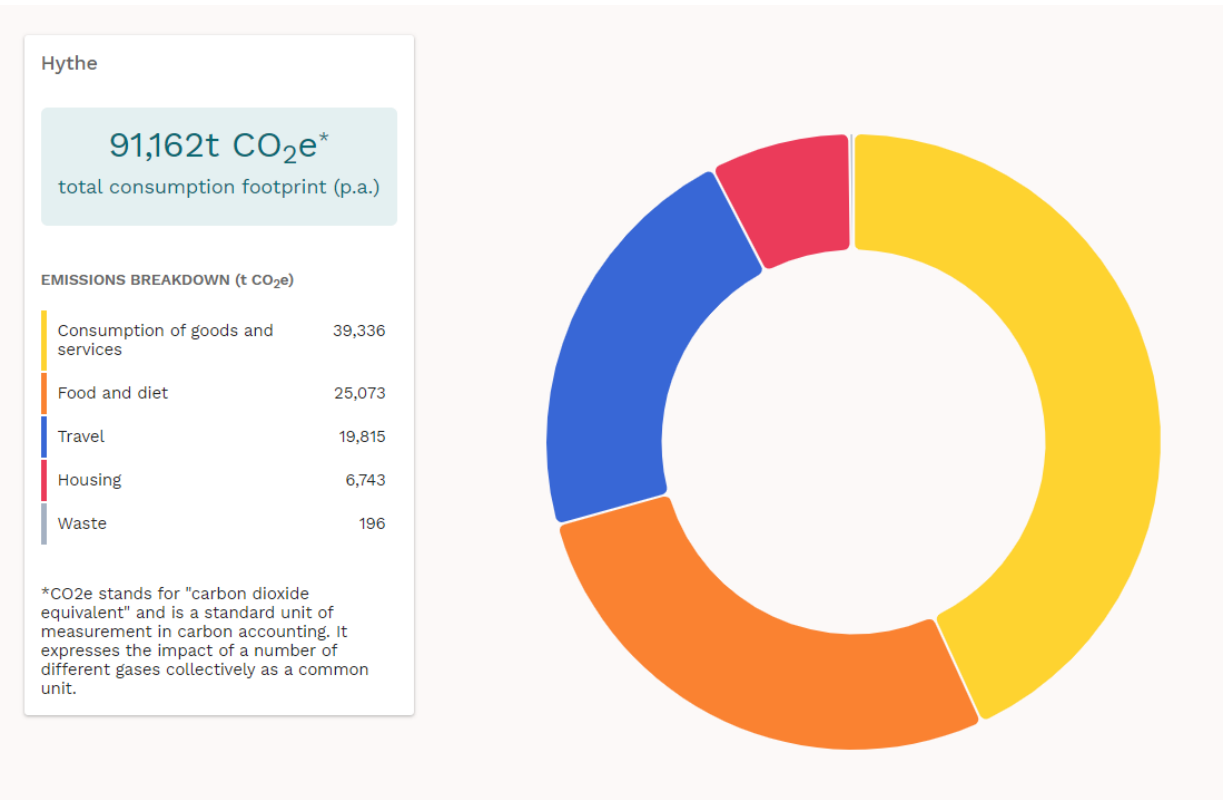
The above graph shows the electricity (blue) and gas (orange) consumption for the 3 premises: The Pavilion, Oaklands and Town Hall (please note that there is no gas at the Town Hall).

The assumption is that due to the time of year the gas usage is quite high, and we should see a drop now we are heading into the summer months.

Thanks to the switch to Bulb as the energy provider, our carbon footprint for electricity is now 0. The highest footprint was left in January with 3.07 tons, which has steadily decreased to 2.1 in April. The assumption is that with the reduced gas usage in the summer month should also reduce HTC's carbon footprint.



In comparison, here is an overview of the total consumption and total territorial footprint (p.a.) for Hythe Parish:



(source: <https://impact-tool.org.uk/>)

SUMMARY

Hythe Town Council has taken the first steps towards its goal, which is slowly starting to show. However, in order to be completely carbon neutral, further steps need to be decided on and taken.

RISK MANAGEMENT

A summary of the perceived risk follows;

Perceived Risk The Council do not action its Climate and Ecological Emergency
Risk Low

Likelihood Low

Preventative Action Council Officers continue to monitor the Councils carbon footprint and the Council continues to work towards achieving its goal.

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