

# TOWN AND CINQUE PORT OF HYTHE



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## CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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## Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration

Hythe Town Council recognises and declares that we are facing a Climate and Ecological Emergency and will commit resources and align its policies to address this.

HTC will set a target of carbon neutrality from its activities of 2025 at the latest using the Carbon Trust framework with an Action Plan for achieving this, to be drawn up by a sub-committee of the Finance & General Purposes committee which will bring recommended actions to the full council for consideration, comment and approval.

HTC will report annually at full council on its progress towards the target.

HTC will work with partners and contract providers and will investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.

### **Background:**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C described the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise. It concluded that limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and local authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities.

Prime exposures to climate change for Hythe's residents include the effects of more severe weather events and coastal flooding and the rapid loss of biodiversity.

Everyone, including local government, needs to commit to tackling this emergency and more than 100 councils across the UK have now declared Climate Emergencies and/or set ambitious carbon-neutral targets, as are the UK Parliament and Welsh Assembly.

