

Climate Change Update

Environment Scrutiny Committee

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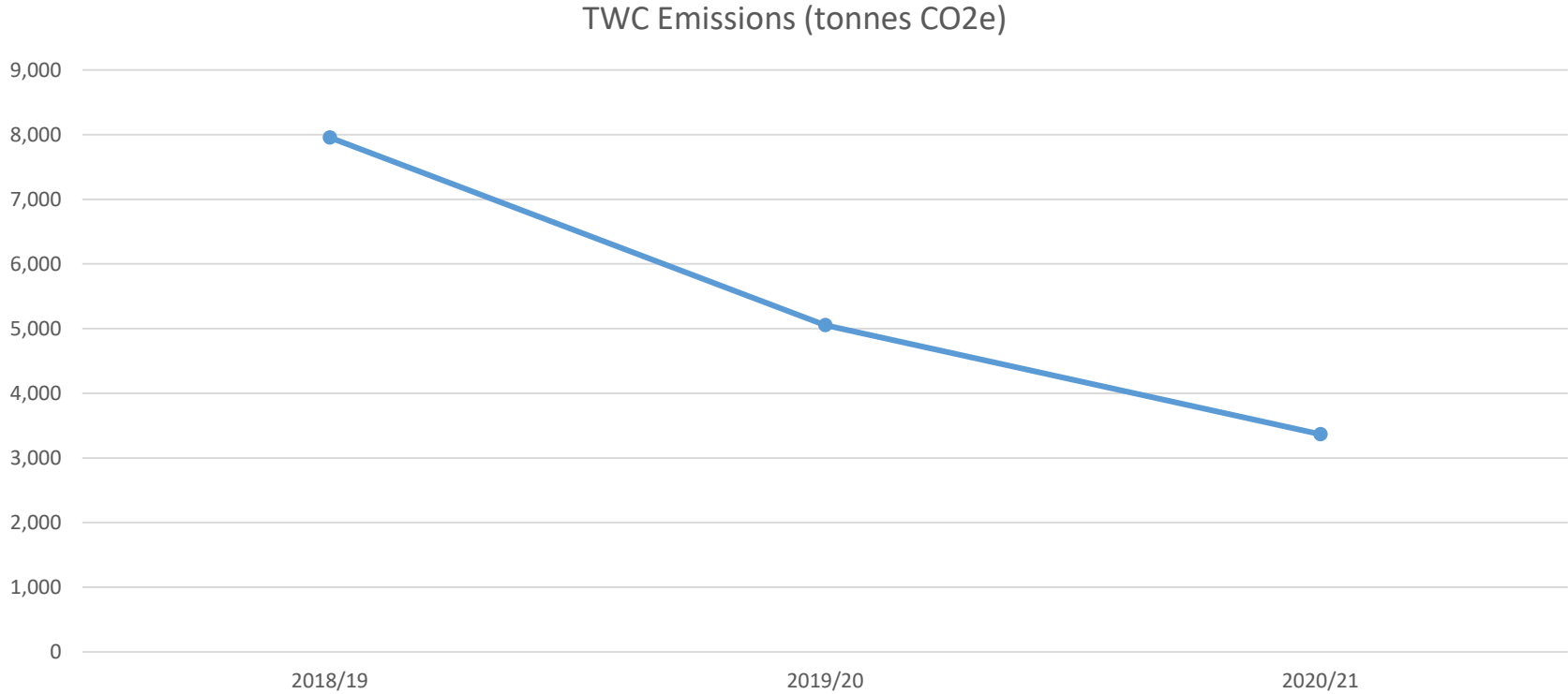
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Background

- Climate emergency declared July 2019 – but not a new focus
- TWC Becoming Carbon Neutral Plan – February 2020
- Telford & Wrekin Climate Change Partnership – June 2020
- 2 updates to Cabinet – March/November 2021
- Summary of recent progress



TWC Emissions Trajectory



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TWC Delivery

- ✓ Additional building retrofit schemes completed/in progress
- ✓ Continued progress on LED light conversion
- ✓ Enhanced green electricity tariff
- ✓ ICT – lower energy devices and natural cooling installed in new datacentre
- ✓ New ways of working – sustained reduction in business mileage/printing/energy
- ✓ Electric vehicles:
 - ❖ 6 electric vans in operation, 7 new EV ordered – supported by charging points
 - ❖ 2 electric minibuses for Arthog OEC ordered
 - ❖ 2 e-bikes for enforcement officers ordered
- ✓ Dual recycling bins

TWC-led Community Delivery & Engagement

- ✓ Climate Change Fund:
 - ❖ Launched February 2021 - £100k for local climate change projects
 - ❖ Oversubscribed
 - ❖ 30 projects funded - scrutiny involvement in decision making
 - ❖ Cabinet update March 2022
- ✓ Trees and Seeds 4TW
- ✓ Plastic Free:
 - ❖ Ocean Fish Trail – 23 schools
 - ❖ Plastic Free Litter pick – 8 locations
- ✓ Carbon watchers pilot



Partnership Working

- T&W Climate Change Partnership:
 - >30 organisations involved in partnership
 - Draft action plan developed – 6 themes
 - Consultation - 525 people took part, including young people
 - Plan to be finalised – 15 December
- Plastic Free Taskforce:
 - Aim – Plastic Free Borough by 2023
 - Town Councils signed up and working towards Surfers against Sewage accreditation
- Integrated Care System:
 - Health organisations, TWC and Shropshire Council
 - System-wide Green Plan by end March 2022

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Coming soon...

- Newport Swimming Pool – grant-funded decarbonisation project:
 - Air source heat pump, improved insulation, and lower pool depth
 - Will save 115 tonnes CO_{2e} per annum
- Housing – sustainable Nuplace development available to reserve, temporary accommodation retrofit project
- Climate change investment:
 - Cabinet approval November 2021, aim to launch April 2022
 - £1m programme, invest from £5
 - Wider benefits
- Events:
 - Youth climate summit (24 March 2022) @ Enginuity
 - Spring into St Georges (23 April 2022) – sustainability focus

Questions

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