<Local Council Name>

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**Carbon Reduction Actions**

**for <year>**

| **Buildings** | | |
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| **Action** | **The commitment we are inviting residents and businesses to make via The Great Collaboration** | **Supporting Local Council actions**  **<complete this column as far as applicable>** |
| **Switch it! (…to renewable electricity)** | I will switch my home or business energy provider to a 'green' tariff for electricity |  |
| **Swap to LEDS for lighting** | I will check out my lighting and replace high energy bulbs with low energy LED bulbs this year |  |
| **Timing is everything** | I will get to know the best time of day to turn on my appliances and switch my usage to the time with the least emissions from energy generation |  |
| **The solution is in your underwear** | I will wear more clothes and turn down my heating this year |  |
| **Bye-bye to standby** | I will turn off all of my devices at the wall when they are not being used every day |  |
| **Switch it! (…gas)** | I will switch my home or business energy provider to a 'green' tariff for gas |  |
| **Draught-busting to keep your heat** | I will get to know my home or building and seal up at least half of the draughts this year |  |
| **Know your heating controls and turn them down** | I will turn down my heating by 1⁰C, and find out the most efficient way to run my heating system |  |
| **Make a whole building plan** | I will make a Whole Building Plan for my home (and / or business premises) this year and start to implement it |  |
| **Insulate it!** | I will review all insulation options available for my home or building and complete at least half |  |
| **Buy efficiency and save money** | I will buy the most energy efficient appliances that I can afford and make long-term savings |  |
| **Make friends with your appliances** | I will check out the most energy efficient setting for all of my appliances and make sure that they are all working to their maximum efficiency |  |
| **Monitor that electricity usage** | I will buy or borrow an electricity monitor and actively monitor and manage my usage of every appliance I have at home/workplace this year |  |

| **Transport** | | |
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| **Zero flights for me!** | I will take zero flights for the next year |  |
| **Be smart about car travel** | I will research, plan and implement at least 5 smart driving initiatives. |  |
| **Go on a flight diet** | I will fly 30% less than last year |  |
| **Join the electric vehicle trend** | I will commit to buying a second hand or new electric car or van as my next home/business vehicle |  |
| **Choose an efficient vehicle** | I will commit to buying a smaller/ less polluting vehicle that uses the least energy per mile driven when I next change my home/business vehicle |  |
| **Make it a car sharing journey** | I will share my journeys twice a week for the next year |  |
| **Get on board with public transport** | I will use public transport at least once a week |  |
| **Use your feet (and knees)** | I will make half of my usual short car journeys (up to 2 miles) by walking or cycling for the next year |  |
| **Join a car club** | I will find out about community (electric) car hire / sharing clubs in my area - and if there is one, join it! |  |
| **Take the road less travelled** | I will reduce my car miles by a fifth this year |  |

| **Food & Waste** | | |
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| **Reduce reduce reduce** | I will make at least 1 less major purchase this year |  |
| **Do you really need it…?** | I will read about the impact of buying things and will wait 24 hours before buying anything new |  |
| **Choose second hand for best value** | I will only buy secondhand items or those made from recycled materials for the next year |  |
| **Save water** | I will reduce my water consumption by 20% this year |  |
| **Meat-free Mondays** | I will have meat, poultry, fish or dairy free Mondays for the coming year. |  |
| **Buy less/share more!** | I will offer rarely used equipment or tools to my friends and neighbours (or businesses) |  |
| **Ditch the fast fashion** | I will take the 30-wear pledge and reduce my purchases of new clothes by at least a half this year (or make sure that business uniforms are returned when employees leave). |  |
| **Reduce your food waste** | I will organise my meals and fridge so that I throw away at least 50% less unused food each week |  |
| **Get creative with leftovers** | I will only buy food that I know that I will use. |  |
| **Eat seasonal fruit & veg** | I will stop buying air freighted ‘short shelf-life’ foods at home or for my workplace/community space |  |
| **Make things last** | I will use my local repair cafe or repair shops at least 3 times this year. |  |
| **Keep electronic stuff** | I will keep my phone and laptop for at least a year longer than I would have done previously |  |

| **Land Use** | | |
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| **No peat for me!** | I will check labels and only use peat free compost for my home or business. |  |
| **Save your seeds** | I will attend a local seed swap this year. |  |
| **Ditch the diesel** | I will avoid using petrol equipment for at least half of my garden/ workplace/ community space. |  |
| **Make your own compost** | I will stop at least 50% of my food waste going to landfill by putting it into a compost or the council food waste bin. |  |
| **Don’t dig it** | I will use a no-dig approach to successful growing when starting to cultivate the green space around me |  |
| **Plant a tree** | I will plant at least 1 tree at home or in my community space/workplace following the ‘Right Tree in the Right Place’ guidance and make sure that it is looked after |  |
| **Grow your own** | I will increase my food crop and grow at least 3 different things this year. |  |
| **Avoid fertilisers** | I will stop using at least 50% of the chemical fertilisers I currently use at home and in my workplace/ community space |  |
| **Water water everywhere** | I will install a water butt to collect rainwater for watering the garden and find out who to talk to about water waste at my workplace/ community space. |  |
| **(Re)-wild and beautiful!** | I will leave 20% of my green space at home, workplace or community space to nature, and let my lawn grow longer so that flowers have time to set seed |  |
| **Dig a pond** | I will dig a pond (or provide a micro wildlife pond in a pot). |  |

| **Energy** | | |
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| **Work smarter** | I will convince my workplace to get an energy/carbon audit and act on it this year |  |
| **Workplace electric vehicle charging** | I will convince my workplace to install electric car charging point(s) for company, employee or visitor vehicles |  |
| **Energised communities** | I will support a local community energy project |  |
| **Community switching** | I will get together with my neighbours and we will switch together to a provider of renewable electricity |  |
| **Solar PV electricity generation** | I will install solar photovoltaic panels on my house/building this year |  |
| **Solar thermal hot water** | I will install solar thermal water heating in my house/building this year |  |
| **Heat pumps – low emission heating** | I will install a Heat Pump to replace my inefficient heating system this year |  |

| **Money** | | |
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| **It’s a low emissions personal pension for me** | When I choose a pension, I will choose funds which have “decarbonised” their investments |  |
| **Making my savings work for a better future!** | I will invest my money with carbon reduction as a priority (companies which report on their carbon emissions, set targets in line with international agreements and do not invest in fossil fuels) |  |
| **A sustainable bank account is possible** | I will switch accounts to a bank that invests in sustainability and doesn’t support fossil fuels |  |
| **Low carbon mortgage lenders** | I will use a mortgage lender that looks after the planet |  |
| **Cheaper money for home improvements** | I will find out more about how I can borrow money more cheaply to make energy efficiency savings in my building |  |
| **Insurance companies with low emission aims** | I will buy my insurance from companies that are working to reduce carbon emissions |  |

| **Use your voice** | | |
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| **Vote for a healthy planet** | I will commit to vote for the politicians who will prioritise climate change and the natural world |  |
| **Lobby for climate action** | I will join a local and/or national group to lobby for change |  |
| **Tell your MP what you want** | I will send a message to my local MP to let them know how important it is for climate change to be included in every decision |  |
| **Use your parish/town council power** | I will contact my parish/town Council to find out if they have declared a Climate (and Ecological) Emergency and have a Carbon Reduction Plan and ask them to join the Great Collaboration towards a Zero Carbon Herefordshire | . |
| **Join the Herefordshire Green Network** | I will join HGN and encourage my parish council and any groups that I work with to be part of their growing and thriving network |  |
| **Hand up for a low carbon workplace pension** | I will lobby my employer to opt for a pension fund which makes investments in low carbon industries and boycotts fossil fuel companies |  |