

# AREAS FOR ACTION

The member-led EAP required thorough investigation and information-gathering to ensure that the strategy produced by Dorset Council was factual and realistic. The primary actions were:

**Collate and analyse information from preceding Councils to establish baseline data on Dorset Council and the wider Dorset Area regarding carbon emissions to establish an accurate as possible carbon footprint and identify areas for action**

Establishing an accurate baseline figure of current emissions of GHG and mitigation measures has been uniquely challenging for Dorset Council as a result of 2019 Local Government Re-Organisation. The 6 preceding Councils recorded and retained information relating to carbon emissions and sustainability management in a variety of different ways to varying degrees of accuracy leading to considerable difficulties in forming an accurate current picture.

**Engage with partners, individual teams and the community to explore key issues, opportunities, identify progress and collate examples of national best practice.**

- ▶ A Dorset Council staff workshop was held in October 2019 to facilitate discussion of key issues, identify what was already underway and gather suggestions and ideas for further action

- ▶ Two Inquiry Days were held in February & March (2020) to enable organisations, community groups, individuals, school children and Dorset Youth Parliament to present their ideas to the Dorset Council Executive advisory Panel.
- ▶ Engagement with consultants, developers and energy suppliers to explore opportunities for renewable energy in Dorset
- ▶ Input into major projects with aim of securing low-carbon design and develop policy (e.g Weymouth peninsula & building better lives programme)
- ▶ Engaged with Town and Parish Councils through a workshop in November 2019 and provided some guidance and ongoing support through Low Carbon Dorset programme
- ▶ Sought views from young people through direct representation to the Executive Advisory Panel in December 2019.
- ▶ Sought views from Dorset residents, via an online 'Call for Ideas' (December 19 to February 20) leading to nearly 800 responses

A summary of the ideas generated through engagement with local schools and communities through the 'call for ideas' process is detailed in the **Your Ideas** section at the end of this strategy.