

**FAO: Town and Parish Council clerks**

**Climate Change Task Force**

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**Dear Colleague,**

### **Resources**

We would like to make you aware of Warp It, an online tool to assist with re-using items and avoid good stuff being skipped. The portal allows you to repurpose equipment within your own organisation and exchange any items you wish with public sector, 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and business partners. Please follow the links below depending on your organisation type and feel free to forward these links to schools and charities.

- [Town and Parish Councils please sign up here](#)
- [Schools and colleges sign up here](#)
- [Further information for schools](#)
- [Not-for-profits & charities sign up here](#)
- [Further information for charities](#)
- [Short instructional videos on how to list and claim items](#)
- [Warp It logos for publicity](#)

[See our new resources page](#) (reduce->reuse->recycle) for more information.

**Don't waste it, Warp It!** [info@getwarpit.com](mailto:info@getwarpit.com) , [WarpIT@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:WarpIT@shropshire.gov.uk)

### **Energy crisis**

Managing the energy used in your organisation plays a vital role in contributing towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions whilst helping to reduce your costs. Wholesale energy prices have risen significantly over the last 6 months and unfortunately, it is likely that everyone will feel the effects of the current situation at some point over the coming 12 months. These costs will likely rise by 40% by 2030 without further intervention.

If you are not already with [WME](#), we would recommend you consider switching. Our local utilities provider demonstrates proven long-term value for money for the public sector and enables us to track your carbon footprint, along with several other benefits.

For more information on the benefits of contracting with WME, you can contact them at: [customerservices@westmerciaenergy.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@westmerciaenergy.co.uk)

Switching to WME also helps us to offer you further efficiency advice, funding, and delivery options for retrofits where necessary based on the energy data collected.

We would like to bring to your attention especially to the efficiency checklist (attached). We recommend site managers, maintenance staff, take the following steps where possible:-

- Energy monitoring – Did you know that site managers or account holders can monitor their utilities directly with WME? You can login in [here](#).
- Being proactive with monitoring will help reduce energy consumption and spend.
- Switch off heating where buildings or “zones” aren’t occupied.
- Heating controls and thermostats should match the usage/occupancy times.
- Check hot water systems and immersion tanks/timers are set correctly.
- Familiarise yourselves with the heating controls to avoid expensive callouts.
- Make sure thermostats are set correctly (18°C is adequate in the workplace).
- Avoid external windows and doors being open where possible whilst the heating on.
- Shut down ICT systems and lighting after use and outside of operating hours.
- Ensure that heating, lighting, and ICT systems are shutdown wherever possible during holidays and weekends.

### **Workshops 2022**

We are looking into arranging workshops (in person and online) in the spring next year. Please let us know your interest to attend these workshops in response to this letter. Topics will include buildings energy, zero carbon transport and sector-based guidance.

Given the recent energy crisis and the urgent need to decarbonise as well as reduce costs, we have provided a [Climate Emergency Pack](#) on our new [Climate Action website](#):-

- [Active Travel briefing](#) and [Zero Carbon DfT Government Strategy](#)
- [Business efficiency](#) (reduce running costs for heating and electric)
- [Carbon reporting tools](#)
- [Energy and heating advice](#)
- [Sector based guidance](#)
- [Water efficiency](#)

These measures help sustain healthy, resilient communities, economy, and environment long-term by helping to meet net zero targets, mitigate and adapt to climate change.

**Yours sincerely, *The Climate Change Task Force***

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