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## **Environmental Vision Statement & Strategy**

## **Vision Statement**

St Erth Parish Council (the Council) recognises that globally rising temperatures are causing changes to the earth's environments, sea levels, wildlife and farmland. All of these things will impact the future of those we represent in the parish, from our oldest residents to our children. Each decision the Council makes has the potential to contribute to climate change, either positively or negatively, and we believe the Council has a duty to consider this impact in its actions.

We want to continue to provide services with measurable positive impact on our community now, whilst avoiding damage to the environment both now and in the future.

## Strategy

To become an environmentally positive organisation, by taking out more carbon than we emit.

We will do this by:

- benchmarking our 1,2,3 (present and future) carbon and environmental impacts;
- embedding ongoing monitoring and feedback processes;
- developing or adapt policies to achieve our vision.

To consider our Parish's impact on the environment.

We will do this by:

- adding environmental considerations to our neighbourhood development plan;
- working with Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to improve Hayle River, to maximise the benefit of its management for both wildlife and our population.

To work in partnership with the local community for a wider impact.

We will do this by:

- developing and implementing projects to reduce the Council's carbon and environmental impact to go beyond Net Zero;
- supporting viable initiatives for community carbon reduction and offsetting schemes within or benefiting the Parish.

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