

## Council – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill seeks to introduce a legal framework to ensure the delivery of targets on carbon emissions which are currently aspirational.

This Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and is working towards net carbon zero by 2030. The Covid 19 pandemic has inevitably caused delay to moving forward on many initiatives and as members have previously been informed there is a need for Government action to take forward relevant policies and allocate funding to Councils to carry them through.

The evidence of effects on climate change are becoming ever more evident in the UK and worldwide. Impacts are being felt by all with the rise in Global temperatures and atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels which are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise.

This far exceeds the 350ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity. Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED THAT

This Council adopts the following motion on the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Council notes that

- i. This council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
- ii. There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”)—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
  - a. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
  - b. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
  - c. includes emissions from aviation and shipping;

- d. protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
- e. restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO2 and their resistance to climate heating;
- f. sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

**Council therefore resolves to:**

- i. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- ii. Inform the local media of this decision;
- iii. Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and
- iv. Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).”  
Signed

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Peter Wexham