

**Motion proposed by Cllr Ginny Boxall and seconded by Cllr Stephen Dolan:**

“That Council notes

- 1 The recent 2018 intergovernmental panel on Climate change (IPCC) report states that we have just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperatures rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius .
- 2 Hampshire County Council have passed a motion on climate emergency and we commend it whilst recognising that the desired outcome can only be achieved through collaboration with other local authorities, including District councils.
- 3 Humankind has already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). We have 12 years to act to avoid widespread drought, food scarcity, heat related deaths and loss of biodiversity including insects and vital food pollinators.
- 4 At present we are on track to overshoot the Paris agreements 1.5 degree Celsius by 2050. In order to reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO2 emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.
- 5 We cannot expect individuals to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation and infrastructure to make low carbon living easier and the new norm.
- 6 Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption. EHDC has started to make progress with its 2014-19 energy strategy but this is not enough. More can and must be done. The intergovernmental report of 2018 was clear that action is necessary from all parts of society. Local Authorities along with Government, need to be taking a lead role, creating initiatives and setting behaviour for others to follow.
- 7 Councils around the world are responding by declaring a "Climate Emergency " and taking action to address this emergency
- 8 Local Authorities should not wait for their national Government to change policies. Bold local policies tackling climate change can deliver economic and social benefits in terms of new green jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as much improved well-being for Hampshire residents, for example through reducing fuel poverty and energy bills , encouraging healthy active travel and community transport and improving green spaces and access to nature .

This Council therefore calls on the cabinet to

- 1 Declare a Climate Emergency.
- 2 Pledge to make East Hampshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030.
- 3 Set up a cross party working group to include officers, councillors and key local stakeholders including schools, colleges and youth groups to provide ideas of achieving a carbon neutral East Hampshire District by 2030 and carbon Zero by 2050.
- 4 Report to Full Council within 6 months (to be made publicly available) setting out the immediate and longer-term actions that the Council will take and how it plans to measure the districts progress towards meeting the 2030 target. This report will also include a full review of the implementation and outcomes of the East Hampshire District Council Energy Strategy 2014-2019.
- 5 Work with partners and other Local Authorities across the South region to deliver these new goals of being Carbon neutral by 2030 through developing strategies and implementation plans which draw on local and national best practice where available.
- 6 To actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2030 targets.
- 7 To prioritise mitigating the impact of Climate change in an updated East Hampshire District Council Corporate Strategy.
- 8 To consider the impact and mitigation of climate change on all policy and key decision making and carrying out a green audit across the Council to ensure that this is being implemented.
- 9 To encourage plastic free alternatives and ban the use of single use plastics within all council employee premises. Implement an ethical procurement framework to ensure suppliers reduce their own carbon footprint.
- 10 To expand infrastructure for walking, cycling, and public transport and to actively promote greater use of electric vehicles.”