

Notice of Motion – Climate-Change Agenda

Proposer: Councillor A Crawford

Seconder: Councillor J Glen

Building on the achievements and the experience of its climate-change strategy since declaring a climate emergency in June 2019, the County Council ensures continued focused leadership and ambition for the climate-change agenda, under the decision making of the Executive Member for 2050 and associated scrutiny of the Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Select Committee, by:

- A) Ensuring climate change impact assessments remain relevant and are appropriately considered.
- B) Continuing to promote the importance of climate change resilience for our residents and communities in accordance with the Climate Change Strategy, and in particular the impact of extreme weather events, rising sea levels and rising temperatures.
- C) Maintaining the County Council's agreed commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050, whilst promoting opportunities to move more quickly to Carbon Neutrality and Net Zero through new specific funding opportunities and/or emerging policy requirements. This will include the on-going commitment to deliver carbon and greenhouse gas reductions across its own estate where opportunity and funding become available.
- D) Continuing to promote the importance of wildlife protection, management of land for nature and biodiversity through Local Nature Partnerships and the developing Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).
- E) Continuing to report annually through the annual climate change report, utilising relevant indicators where appropriate and ensuring resources are directed and coordinated effectively.
- F) Ensuring newly developed statutory policies including the Minerals and Waste Plan reflect current and more stringent climate policy considerations.
- G) Recognising the importance of engaging and communicating with residents to signpost and promote climate change action including renewable energy, home insulation and sustainable transport.
- H) Continuing to promote the importance of and enabling active travel and cycling and walking through the Local Transport Plan.
- I) Continuing to engage effectively with the Climate Change Expert Stakeholder Forum as mechanism to provide engagement and advice.