

COUNCIL – 24 July 2019

Item 14 - AMENDMENT TO MOTION ON NOTICE

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR G MCANDREW

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D ANDREWS

CLIMATE ~~EMERGENCY~~ CHANGE MOTION

Man-made climate change is the biggest threat that humanity faces. In 2018 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report stated 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.

All governments whether national, regional or local have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate change and need to commit to aggressive reduction targets and carbon neutrality as quickly as possible. East Herts District Council has a pivotal role to play in tackling climate change and enabling sustainable living.

We recognise the importance of tackling climate change both in the terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to minimise future global climate change and planning for the unavoidable local impacts of climate change.

Therefore, East Herts District Council will :-

- 1) Join with other Councils in recognising and declaring ~~a Climate Emergency,~~ formally the necessity to do everything within the authority's power to reduce its impact on the climate and moreover ~~do~~
- 2) ~~Pledge to~~ do everything ~~within the Council's power~~ we can ~~to~~ in supporting ~~support~~ the whole of East Herts District to become carbon neutral by 2030,

~~32)~~ Develop an ambitious sustainability strategy for reducing the Council's own emissions, with an objective that the Council becomes carbon neutral by 2030,

~~4) Include in all planning 3)~~ Work with national and regional partners to ensure that where at all possible we support climate friendly planning and building control regulations and seek where possible to include the very best measures into the Local Plan ~~measures to cut~~ minimise ~~carbon emissions and reduce the~~ any negative impact on the environment,

~~54)~~ Call on National Government for more powers and resources to make this pledge possible, and ask the Council's Leader to write to the Secretary of state for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to this effect,

~~65)~~ Continue to work with partners across the District, County and Region to deliver this new goal, through all relevant strategies and plans,

~~76)~~ Take account of climate impacts within existing decision-making processes,

~~87)~~ Set up an Environmental and Climate ~~Emergency~~ Forum, in line with the ~~recommendation~~ recommendations ~~D16~~ from the Task and Finish Group which ~~was~~ were approved by this Council on 5th March, 2019,

~~98)~~ ~~Reconvene the Climate Change task and finish Group, and require it~~ The Environmental Forum to monitor progress regularly ~~delivering the pledge~~, and to report back,

~~109)~~ Commit to making available ~~Dedicate enough staff and budget to achieve these aims, including~~ the most appropriate training ~~for to~~ members and officers to promote carbon neutral policies ~~and in order to achieve these aims.~~