

**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP****CHARTER FOR CLEANER AIR**

This Committee resolves to:

- 1) Sign Oxford City Council's Charter for Cleaner Air calling on Government to adopt ten crucial actions to put the health of communities first
- 2) Request the Chief Executive write to the city's three MP's to inform them that the Council has signed the Charter and seek their endorsement
- 3) Request the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to inform them that the Council has signed the Charter and requesting a response

Proposed by: Cllr Horan

Seconded by: Cllr Mitchell

Supporting information

On 28 August 2018, Oxford City Council, in conjunction with Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, signed a Charter for Cleaner Air and invited other local authorities to co-sign. The Charter requests central government to undertake the following actions:

1. Remove the most polluting vehicles from most polluting parts of towns and cities.
2. Provide greater investment in public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure.
3. End the sale of all new petrol and diesel cars and vans earlier than 2040.
4. Provide fiscal incentives to help people and businesses adopt cleaner vehicles.
5. Invest in charging infrastructure and the supporting power network.
6. Ensure fossil fuels do not generate the power used to fuel electrified vehicles.
7. Tighten legal limits on air pollution to match World Health Organisation guideline levels.
8. Improve the national monitoring and modelling of air pollution.
9. Adopt a new Clean Air Act, or equivalent for 21<sup>st</sup> century and independent watchdog with teeth.
10. Launch a national public health campaign and alert system to highlight the dangers of air pollution

Air pollution is now recognised as the UK's largest environmental risk to public health, contributing to heart and respiratory diseases, and lung cancer

There are many factors involved in improving air quality. Signing the Charter would demonstrate the Council's leading role and commitment to providing better air quality for its residents.

