

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Commit Brighton and Hove to Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030</b>		
	<b>Petition for Debate</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>31 January 2019</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance &amp; Law</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 The e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,310 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:****3.1 The Petition**

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to declare a climate emergency and put in place a more ambitious commitment of making our city carbon neutral by 2030.

Lead Petitioner – Caitriona Vines

Additional Information:

**Justification:**

We believe that a sustainable low-carbon future is essential for our own sake, and that of future generations – and is needed urgently to avoid the dangers of runaway climate breakdown.

This target will allow us to support the international commitment to keep the planet's temperature rise below 1.5°C (above pre-industrial levels) as agreed under the Paris Agreement. A recent report published by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that in order for us to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, worldwide CO2 emissions need to decline by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050 (IPCC, 2018).

We have taken inspiration from Bristol City Council who earlier this month unanimously backed a motion which called on the Mayor of Bristol to declare a climate emergency and for the city's carbon neutrality target to be brought forward by 20 years to 2030.

#### References

IPCC. (2018) Global warming of 1.5°C: Summary for Policymakers, p. 18.

Available at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/index.htm> [Accessed 21.11.18]

Green Party Bristol. (2018) Greens declare a Climate Emergency and bring Bristol's CO2 emissions target forwards 20 years. Available at:

<https://bristolgreenparty.org.uk/news/greens-declare-a-climate-emergency-and-bring-bristols-co2-emissions-target-forwards-20-years>

#### 4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) An amendment to the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 of the report or to add additional recommendations should be submitted by 10.00am on the day of the meeting; otherwise it will be subject to the Chair's discretion as to being appropriate. Any such amendment will need to be formally moved and seconded at the meeting;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
- (v) (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and  
(b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).