

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****SUPPORT FOR YOUTH STRIKES AND OTHER CLIMATE ACTION**

The council notes the vital contribution of young people in climate strikes (often excluded from democracy) over the last few months.

It also notes the upcoming General Strike for Climate on 20th September, which coincides with a further Youth Strike and expresses its support for the action of all taking part to raise awareness of our climate emergency.

It asks the chief executive to

- write to the Secretary of State for Education, to request the reform of the national curriculum to address the ecological crisis as an educational priority;
- write to the Home Secretary, requesting they meet the demands of youth strikers to be included in policy making and bring the voting age down to 16

Further that the council requests officers to bring a report to an urgency sub-committee of PR&G in early September detailing how the council can:

- work with our family of schools to establish a standard protocol for attending the school strikes and encourage the schools to take this up;
- seek to enable, ensure and support those employees who wish to take action in the general strike, through an approach which does not seek to penalise those employees;
- explore the potential for such a day to also coincide with council efforts to deliver 'car free' days in the city, to support the wellbeing of strikers but also in response to this council's declaration of a climate emergency.

Proposed by: Cllr Clare

Seconded by: Cllr Osborne

