

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN AND LABOUR GROUPS****IMPACT OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

This Council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Environment Secretary Theresa Villiers and Robert Jenrick (MHCLG)] urging the Government to:

- take a lead on preparing for and mitigating climate change nationally and internationally
- strengthen building standards and introduce funding mechanisms to make existing and new housing stock fit for the future
- put in place legislation and resources to allow local authorities committed to achieving zero carbon emissions ahead of the Government's 2050 target to achieve their goals
- measure UK emissions to include "offshore" emissions from imported goods, aviation and international shipping.

Proposed by: Councillor Hugh-Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Henry

Supporting Information:

Fossil fuels accounted for 43% of the energy used by the National Grid last year¹;

Since June 2018, the UK government has delivered only one of 25 critical emissions reduction policies, with no progress made on ten of the actions as of July 2019²;

The Committee on Climate Change ("CCC") has recommended the UK should lead international action on climate change;

The CCC suggested that leaving adaptation responses to local communities would not be effective without a strategic national plan and noted the absence of such a plan;

The need for the NPPF to be consistent with the achievement of the UK's carbon emissions targets;

The Council is preparing for a Climate Assembly and work to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

¹ <https://www.nationalgrid.com/britain-hits-historic-clean-energy-milestone-zero-carbon-electricity-outstrips-fossil-fuels-2019>

² <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-uk-emissions-2019-progress-report-to-parliament/>

