

## **Agenda Item: 10(c)**

### **Motion to Derbyshire County Council on The Glasgow Climate Pact, Glasgow Declarations and UK Net Zero Strategy**

**Proposed by Gez Kinsella, Green Party**

Derbyshire County Council notes the following outcomes from the COP26 Global Summit:

#### **Local government role:**

That the [Glasgow Climate Pact](#) recognises a crucial role for communities and local authorities. By “recognising the important role of ... local communities and civil society, including youth and children, in addressing and responding to climate change, and highlighting the urgent need for multilevel and cooperative action”. Furthermore, the Pact explicitly calls on us “to actively involve ... local communities in designing and implementing climate action.”

#### **Active Travel:**

That the COP26 [declaration on accelerating the transition to 100% zero emission cars and vans](#) states: “a sustainable future for road transport will require wider system transformation, including support for active travel, public and shared transport, as well as addressing the full value chain impacts from vehicle production, use and disposal.”

#### **Sustainable production and consumption:**

That the COP26 Glasgow Leader’s Declaration on Land Use, signed by the UK, commits to “facilitate trade and development policies, internationally and domestically, that promote sustainable development, and sustainable commodity production and consumption, that work to countries’ mutual benefit, and that do not drive deforestation and land degradation”

#### **UK Net Zero Forum:**

That shortly before the Glasgow conference the UK government published its Net Zero Strategy, which includes the intention to establish a Net Zero Forum to coordinate the strategy with local government.

#### **This council believes:**

That COP26 failed to provide:

- The national targets that could put the world on course for limiting global average temperature rise to 1.5C
- The carbon price mechanisms needed to shift the world economy away from fossil fuels
- The necessary finance for the less developed nations to develop without fossil fuels or to deal with the loss and damage caused to them by wealthier nations that are historically responsible
- Provision to outlaw all loopholes in ‘offsetting’ mechanisms
- Commitments to phase out fossil fuels.

The chances for a strong outcome from COP26 were weakened by the UK government’s mixed messages on climate action:

- The reduction in tax on internal flights

- The continued commitment to new fossil fuel extraction in Cumbria and the North Sea oil fields
- Cuts to overseas aid.

That the Climate Change Committee is correct when it states that it is “crucial for the [Net Zero] Forum to promptly develop an agreed understanding of the role of local government in delivering Net Zero. Furthermore, Government must ensure that critical enabling processes, such as the planning system and appraisal methodologies, are properly aligned to these pathways. Coherent, predictable and long-term funding settlements will help realise effective local delivery that works across communities.”

**This Council resolves, in line with the Glasgow Pact and associated declarations:**

- To develop the ‘golden thread’ – the alignment of performance measures with the objectives of the Climate Change Strategy. These metrics are part of the Council’s performance framework and ensure that every Council service, teams and individuals are clear on the measures that are used to hold them to account on how they are contributing to the Council’s next-zero journey.
- To achieve the ambitions set out in the Climate Change Strategy and linked to team and individual performance, the Council speed up delivery of appropriate carbon literacy training for council staff and members.
- To provide for genuine public engagement, that recognising the diversity of our community, in designing and implementing climate actions. Also, for this engagement to make a difference and not be a ‘rubber stamp’ on existing plans.
- To strengthen strategic partnerships with districts, parish and town councils and anchor institutions such as the local NHS trust, schools, businesses and economic partners. The aim being to provide and regularly update plans for decarbonising both their own activities and their supply chains.
- To play our part in the wider transport system transformation, including support for active travel, public and shared transport.