

Cllr Joan Dixon and the Labour Group would like to submit the following Motion:

**Motion to Declare a Climate Emergency in Derbyshire**

This Council notes the findings of the World Meteorological Organisation in April 2021 that the global average temperature in 2020 was around 1.2C above pre-industrial levels and the warning from the United Nations that the world is on the edge of a climate 'abyss'.

Council therefore resolves to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action in line with the vast majority of all Local Authorities.

Reaffirm the commitment to make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2032 with a role of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction to scrutinise the targets set and report at least annually on progress achieved.

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2032.

Requests that all Council Committees and Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the county of Derbyshire zero carbon within the same timescale;

Work with, influence and inspire partners across the county to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources;

Support strategies for cleaner air in all our towns and villages, especially in town centres and around schools;

Set up a Climate Change Partnership Group, involving Councillors, businesses, local sustainability groups and other relevant parties. Over the following 12 months, the Group will consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions across Derbyshire by 2032 and recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy.