

## MOTIONS

### 12.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BIANCO

That this Council:

- Notes the clear international evidence base showing that global climate change is real and the latest 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel report advising governments across the world to limit global warming to 1.5°C, acknowledging that this in itself would require unprecedented changes yet could be achieved in tandem with proactive sustainable development and a move to greener economies.
- Welcomes efforts by successive UK governments leading the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and setting a new target in 2019 for net-zero emissions (compared to 1990 levels) by 2050. Furthermore, reflects that in May 2019, the UK Parliament declared an environment and climate emergency.
- Recognises Hillingdon as London's greenest borough and recalls:
  - The substantial investment in award winning parks and open spaces over many years, protecting and enhancing local environments for future generations;
  - That in 2007, the Leader of the Council signed the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, establishing Hillingdon's firm commitment to tackling the issue;
  - That Hillingdon's Cabinet in 2009 adopted a Climate Change Strategy, which set out new targets to reduce carbon emissions and for more efficient energy use;
  - That in 2013, the then Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee undertook a major review into how Council was reducing its carbon footprint.
- Welcomes the fact that, through its transformation programme, the Council has become greener and leaner, saving taxpayer money and is delivering, amongst other things:
  - A 53% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from 5 years ago from non-domestic electricity and gas supplies;
  - A planned new contract from 2020 to provide electricity for council properties and schools from 100% certified renewable sources;
  - A LED street lighting programme, replacing 23,700 sodium lights to be more energy efficient;
  - Active measures to improve local air quality and deter people from leaving their vehicle engine idling, particularly around schools;
  - More ways to reduce plastic waste that ends up in landfill or as litter, such as through the provision of new drinking fountains in the Borough's parks;
  - Urban greening initiatives and the planting of new trees across the Borough, including offering 5000 free saplings for residents to grow.
- Notwithstanding these efforts, Council re-affirms its deep concern and opposition to Heathrow expansion as a most egregious proposal contributing to climate change, along with devastating environmental impacts locally.
- Looking to the future, this Council declares that there is a current global climate emergency and, as a consequence, agrees to extend the Council's climate change targets beyond those currently set, as follows:
  - To become carbon neutral across the Council services by 2030 and;
  - To achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's services by 2030.

- Furthermore, resolves that, to meet these targets practically and be accountable to residents for them:
  - Recognise that, initially, they will span the Council's direct services and, subject to future review by the Cabinet, may grow to encompass the Council's wider commercial supply chain;
  - The Cabinet Member for Housing and the Environment, in consultation with the Leader of the Council assumes a new Executive responsibility within the Council's Constitution for climate change strategy;
  - Responsibility for oversight and scrutiny of the Council's efforts in relation to climate change be given to the Corporate Services, Commerce and Communities Policy Overview Committee to review as they see fit and engage the community;
  - The Chief Executive designate a lead officer to act corporately on climate change and in pursuit of the above targets;
  - An annual action plan be submitted to Cabinet, aligned with the budget, to monitor achievement. Furthermore, a review of environmental performance reporting be undertaken to actively engage staff in ways to tackle climate change in their service areas and communicate progress more widely to residents.'

**Supporting Information:** In September 2019, Democratic Services received a petition signed by 1,036 residents of the Borough (lead petitioner, Ms Hannah Crowther from West Drayton) requesting that the Council pass a motion to *'declare a climate emergency and set new targets to become carbon neutral by 2030 and achieve 100% clean energy across its full range of functions by 2030'* with the following preamble:

*'We are facing a climate crisis - a human crisis. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report in October 2018 stating the catastrophic damage that a 2 degree global average warming would have on our climate. Increased extreme weather such as drought, heatwaves and flooding are a huge risk to our ability to continue producing the food and water needed for our survival and quality of life. However, there is still time to keep warming to 1.5 degrees and limit the damage done. But, they predicted, we only have 12 more years. Hillingdon council must recognise this and lead the way in tackling climate change from home.'*

The Motion put forward by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services for Council to consider declaring a climate emergency, also seeks to meet the request of the petitioners.

If the motion is agreed, it would also have the effect of approving the proposed constitutional changes to the responsibilities of the Cabinet Member and the Policy Overview Committee with regard to climate change.

## **12.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR D.MILLS**

That this Council notes the decisive outcome of the recent General Election and welcomes the statement made by the Prime Minister that a new hospital would be built in his Uxbridge & South Ruislip constituency. Council agrees that it will work with health authorities at both local and national level to ensure that all phases of this project are in line with putting our residents first.

Council further notes that John McDonnell was returned as MP for Hayes & Harlington and that one of its Members, Councillor David Simmonds was successful in becoming the local MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner and looks forward to him raising issues with the Government, of benefit to the Council and local government in general.

## **12.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EGINTON**

That this Council notes the need to take account of Climate change when planning for our sustainable future.

In December of 2018 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported a climate change forecast leading to a devastating future for our planet if we do not take drastic and immediate action to tackle climate change.

In this regard this Council asks Cabinet to determine ways in which the Council can improve the outlook for Residents. In particular, this will include, although not exclusively:

1. Council owned residential properties
  - a) Determine the Energy Performance Certificate rating for all such properties
  - b) Arrange for a strategy to improve all such properties with the installation or replacement of insulation, energy-efficient heating boilers, solar panels and heat-exchange pumps.
2. Other Council properties - establish arrangements to encourage all commercial lessees to invest in improvements to their properties so as to reduce energy consumption
3. Provide support to local businesses and social-sector organisations and landlords, particularly those which are smaller and medium sized, to improve the energy efficiency of their properties.
4. Set out arrangements to provide charging points on residential streets where off-street parking is not generally available.

## **12.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MATHERS**

That this Council notes that the Residents, Education and Environment Policy and Overview Committee is currently undertaking a major review on the effectiveness of this council's approach to tackling the growing problem of fly-tipping. It is a blight in our communities and it negatively affects how residents feel about the places where they live.

The POC review will provide recommendations to further tackle this issue within our current powers as a local authority. However beyond these recommendations

this Council believes there is a strong case for further action and calls for new powers and funding for Local Authorities to tackle this issue.

In 2016 the Government gave local authorities the power to issue fines of up to £400. The current £400 fine barely cover the costs of clean up; do not cover the cost of Enforcement Teams and do not provide sufficient disincentive to offenders.

According to the LGA, fly-tipping has risen by almost 40% since 2012. Education should remain a fundamental element of our approach in tackling fly-tipping but local authorities require greater support in our efforts against prolific and deliberate offenders. The LGA recently reported, no offender has yet been given the maximum £50,000 fine or 12 months in prison introduced in 2014.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to petition and lobby the Government to campaign for the following:

- An increase in the fines Local Authorities can levy – ideally an increase to £2,000.
- Additional revenue support for councils to investigate and prosecute fly-tippers
- Make it compulsory that Local Authorities are reimbursed for costs of clearing fly-tipping in addition to legal costs from fines issued in court.
- A review of the guidance to the courts to ensure offenders face tougher sentences.