

Motion 1 - Declaring a Climate Emergency**Proposed by Cllr Hanna Zuchowska****Seconded by Cllr Manuel Abellan**

Council notes:

- the overwhelming weight of scientific evidence pointing to man-made climate change and the harmful effect that climate change is having on our lives, natural habitats and ecosystems;
- the 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report that stated we had just twelve years to act if global temperatures are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius rise;
- the European Union is a global leader in promoting environmental improvements, and working through the EU both greatly amplifies the UK's voice in international negotiations and enables high environmental standards across the continent;
- the Liberal Democrats were the first major political party to call for a zero-carbon Britain; we believe this target must be met by 2045, contributing to a zero-carbon EU by 2050;
- that, to achieve this target, all levels of government (European, national, regional and local), the private sector, partners and civil society have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown;
- the long record of Sutton Council on environmental issues and our ambitious plans set out recently in the refreshed Environment Strategy.

Council:

- a. declares a 'Climate Emergency'.
- b. pledges to make Sutton carbon neutral by 2045.
- c. supports the delivery of the Environment Strategy targets on using less energy and tackling climate change.
- d. calls on the Government to provide the powers and resources necessary for Sutton to accelerate its work on becoming carbon neutral by 2045 and to implement best practice methods to limit global warming to 1.5C.
- e. will work with other local government authorities (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C.
- f. continues to work with partners in the private sector and civil society across the borough and London to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans.
- g. will report to the Environment & Neighbourhoods Committee annually on progress with the delivery of the Environment Strategy and the actions the Council is taking, and will take, to address this climate emergency.
- h. to investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.

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