

## **Agenda Item 7 – Motions to Council 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

a) Moved by Cllr N Hoy, Seconded by Cllr N Clarke

Council notes:

That the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.

That the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

That all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments, that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

That strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits;

- the content of Committee on Climate Change's report into the necessary increase in tree plantation required to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050;
- and that, recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.
- Council therefore resolves to:
- Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action.
- Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030.
- Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030.
- Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;

Ensure that political and chief officer leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that the Executive and Scrutiny functions review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline;

- Request that Council Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;
- Work with, influence and inspire partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops;

- Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;

Request that the Executive Portfolio holder with responsibility for Climate Change convenes a Citizens' Assembly in 2019 in order to involve the wider population in this process. This group would help develop their own role, identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030, consider the latest climate science and expert advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;

Set up a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, Citizens Assembly representatives 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 by 2030. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy.

Enforce private sector to operate to the same standards as the public sector, when renting properties to tenants. I.e energy efficiency, insulated, renewable energy. Any non-compliant private sector landlords, to be dealt with, with enforcement of works to be carried out within a specified timescale or work to be undertaken by the Council and the landlords be billed accordingly.

- Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio;
- Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the council will take to address this emergency;
- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise;
- Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to): renewable energy generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, (to liaise with Central Government to expedite research and production of electric and hydrogen powered vehicles and for Government to enter into discussions with the Motor Industry concerning production of suitably powered clean vehicles to replace current combustion powered vehicles, i.e. HGV's and 4 x4's etc. Small electric vehicles alone are not the answer to transportation issues.) increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice.

Enforce through the Licensing Committee that all licensed Taxis throughout the District to be Electric Powered vehicles by no later than 2030.

All planning applications to be subject to conditions; i.e. all new builds domestic or commercial to include solar roof panels or tiles as part of the build process. All new

house builds to have electric car charging points as standard. Any commercial development to also have electric car charging points for at least 50% of the car parking spaces within the development.

Any trees felled during a building/ development programme to be replaced by the builder / developers by at least x 2 within the curtilage of the development.

Conservation of rainwater on all Council buildings and sites throughout the District.

Works to reduce/remove/find an environmentally sound alternative to reduce single use plastic throughout the district.

- Review all its single use plastic packaging and replace with a biodegradable or reusable alternatives.
- Remove all single-use cutlery/plates etc at council run premises and replace with proper cutlery and crockery and offer a biodegradable cutlery and crockery if necessary.
- Remove the use of polymer tea/coffee cups and plastic lids.
- Provide and sell refillable beverage containers cups/bottles for tea, coffee and water
- Introduce clearly signed, and easily accessible, self-service refill water stations at the Arc and in other council owned/sponsored locations around the District
- Work with local businesses around the District to provide water refill location points within their premises
- Enforce the maximum permissible penalties against those responsible for fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.
- Place, where possible, plastic netting catchers, on rivers, waterways etc.
- Replace seasonal planting In maintained public space areas with evergreen planting, including wildflower/pollenating/seasonal and perennial flowering plants.
- Introduce more wildflower planting along verges and in areas where suitable. Introduce a marking system, to prevent these areas being accidentally mowed.
- Implement an extensive tree planting programme on all council owned land across the District and encourage landowners, estates, private companies, to initiate tree planting programmes. (Grants are available from the Forestry Commission. The Countryside Stewardship Woodland Grant is a Defra scheme delivered by the Forestry Commission. BDC would benefit financially from any tree planting programme.)
- Bolsover District Council will constantly review their Carbon Reduction Plan and where appropriate will review their impact on the environment and when new issues that impact its operation are identified they will address these issues and incorporate a response into the Carbon Reduction Plan.) and report back to council every six months with actions to address this emergency.

b) Moved by Cllr J Watson

(i) For each and every municipal year from 2020/21 to 2022/23 (inclusive) for at least one third of Ordinary Council meetings and at least one third of Standing Committee meetings are scheduled so not to commence before [6:30pm](#) on the day the meeting is due to be held and;

(ii) If a meeting is scheduled not to commence before [6:30pm](#) during the municipal years 2020/21 to 2022/23 (inclusive) but is subsequently cancelled, this meeting shall not count towards the amounts stated in paragraph (i) above.

c) Moved by Cllr D Dixon, Seconded by Cllr M Dixon

Council notes that:

- the basic allowance paid to elected members by this authority is among the highest in the country for an English non-metropolitan District Council of its size and nearly double what is paid in neighbouring North East Derbyshire.
- the last Independent Remuneration Panel commissioned to review the basic allowance reported to Council in October 2014 and its recommendations were mostly ignored by the ruling administration.
- In 2016/17 (the most recent data published on the Bolsover District Council website), the total bill for the basic allowances paid to elected members was £368,388.04. For North East Derbyshire, it was £270,646.88, despite having 16 more Councillors on the authority.
- The total cost of members' allowances, including basic, special responsibility and others, for 2016/17 was £456,493.10.

Council believes that:

- at a time of significant financial pressure for local authorities across the country, it is unacceptable for elected members to be costing the authority nearly half a million pounds per year in allowances - money which could be better spent on services for the residents of this district.

Council resolves to:

- convene an urgent Independent Remuneration Panel to comprehensively review the rates of allowances paid to members and make recommendations for new rates which are fairer to the taxpayers of this district.
- in the interim, immediately re-set the basic rate to that which is paid at North East Derbyshire District Council (£5223), which is a reasonable average for an English non-metropolitan District Council.