

**MEETING**

**COUNCIL**

**DATE AND TIME**

**TUESDAY 30TH JULY, 2019**

**AT 7.00 PM**

**VENUE**

**HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ**

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
14.1	OPPOSITION MOTION FROM CLLR ALAN SCHNEIDERMAN - CLIMATE EMERGENCY MOTION	3 - 10

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## Amendments to Climate emergency motion in the name of Dean Cohen

## AGENDA ITEM 14.1

1. Create 'Council Recognises that':
2. Council Recognises that:
  - a. Add:
    - i. Barnet Council has committed itself to a multifaceted approach to improving environment factors around the borough. This includes, but is not limited to, the Air Quality Action Plan 2017-2022 and planting 4500 new trees over the next five years.
    - ii. Through carbon offsetting and ensuring improvements to air quality through means such as divesting responsibly from high pollutants in the borough, Barnet Council can create efficiencies that create savings as well as improving public health.
    - iii. That Parliament has agreed a motion declaring an environment and climate emergency.
3. Council notes:
  - a. Remove:
    - i. That there is cross party support for climate emergency motions and ambitious carbon reduction strategies – the 61 councils that have already passed such a motion include Labour led, Conservative led, Liberal Democrat led and NOC authorities.
    - ii. That Parliament has agreed a motion declaring an environment and climate emergency.
  - b. Add (to beginning of Council notes):
    - i. The same environmental challenges that are faced by the UK are also faced in Barnet
  - c. Add:
    - i. That Barnet's commitment to remain a green and pleasant borough goes hand-in-hand with the Council's commitment to fighting climate change and pollution. Barnet remains the borough with the sixth most green space, and has invested in a strategy to ensure that it remains both literally and figuratively a green borough.
    - ii. That Barnet's tree planting initiatives have won awards
    - iii. That the Ultra Low Emission Zone uses the North Circular as its outermost border, excluding much of the borough. This includes West Hendon, the ward already most severely affected by NO2 emissions.
    - iv. That Barnet Council continues to take action to reduce emissions, such as through:

1. The commitment to have installed 116 electric car charging points within the near future, with 44 already installed.
  2. Supporting the launch of the Drive Now floating car club in Barnet. This scheme makes 50 vehicles available for use by residents and visitors. These cars are a mixture of fully automatic and low-emission
- v. That Barnet Council is at the forefront of innovation in energy provision and wastage minimisation by investing in a district energy and heating system.
- vi. 15 out of Barnet's 118 schools are at a level in excess of the legal EU air quality limit. However, 14 of these schools are located adjacent to roads administered by TfL/Highways England and not the council itself. This limits the council's ability to improve the air in these areas, damaging the health of the borough's young people.
4. Council Resolves:
- a. Remove:
    - i. To acknowledge that there is a climate emergency and that as an authority we can play a part in trying to address it.
    - ii. To aim to make the London Borough of Barnet a carbon-neutral borough by 2030.
    - iii. To establish and support a climate change action group that is chaired by an individual from outside of the borough council and is comprised of representatives of all parties on the council, council officers, representatives of local employers, local education establishments, partner organisations, local community groups, faith groups, local environmental groups, trade unions and other representatives of local civil society to encourage and coordinate the drive towards a carbon-neutral borough.
    - iv. To require the Administration, relevant Committees, and senior officers to collaborate with this action group, to examine what more can be done by the borough council to deliver a carbon-neutral borough, and to work with the action group to produce and publish a plan setting out how the council, through its policies, practices and actions will help to deliver a carbon-neutral borough by the set date.
    - v. To require that the Administration, relevant Committees, and senior officers as part of the regular performance review process routinely reviews progress against this plan and if necessary takes action to expedite progress towards the carbon-neutral goal.
    - vi. To require that the Administration, relevant Committees, and senior officers work with the Mayor of London and cross-party representatives from Councils across Greater London to produce a regional climate emergency strategic collaboration plan to move to a carbon-neutral region. Regular

meetings of this group will become a part of the battle for a carbon neutral region.

- vii. To require that the chief executive and the leaders of all groups on the council jointly write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs declaring a climate emergency and urging him to give local government across the country powers and funding to take meaningful action to address this emergency.

b. Add:

- i. To lobby the Mayor of London to support Barnet Council:
  - 1. Reduce emissions from roads that fall outside of the Council's jurisdiction.
  - 2. Prioritise the bus routes that serve within 100m of the 15 schools most impacted by emissions for a transition to cleaner buses i.e. through hybrid double-decker, and hydrogen powered single-decker buses
- ii. To ensure that the Air Quality Action Plan is carried through to completion
- iii. To call on the Government to provide additional powers and resources to ensure Barnet Borough Council can help deliver on national targets relating to climate change.

Motion should now read:

## **July Full Council**

**Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman**

**Amended by: Cllr Dean Cohen**

### **Climate emergency motion**

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1. That Barnet Council has committed itself to a multifaceted approach to improving environment factors around the borough. This includes, but is not limited to, the Air Quality Action Plan 2017-2022 and planting 4500 new trees over the next five years.
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3. That Parliament has agreed a motion declaring an environment and climate emergency.

Council Notes:

1. That the same environmental challenges that are faced by the UK are also faced in Barnet
2. Over 60 councils have passed 'climate emergency' motions since the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report on Global Warming of 1.5°C was published in October 2018. This report describes the major environmental harms that a 2°C rise in world temperature is likely to cause and urges that governments and related authorities world-wide seek to limit global temperature rises to 1.5°C.
3. That the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C argues that limiting Global temperature rises to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national Governments AND local Government working in collaboration with partner agencies, organisations, groups and local communities.
4. That Barnet's commitment to remain a green and pleasant borough goes hand-in-hand with the Council's commitment to fighting climate change and pollution. Barnet remains the borough with the sixth most green space, and has invested in a strategy to ensure that it remains both literally and figuratively a green borough.
5. That Barnet's tree planting initiatives have won awards
6. That the Ultra Low Emission Zone uses the North Circular as its outermost border, excluding much of the borough. This includes West Hendon, the ward already most severely affected by NO2 emissions.

7. That Barnet Council continues to take action to reduce emissions, such as through:
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## **July Full Council**

### **Amendment: Cllr Anne Clarke**

#### **Climate emergency motion**

Delete all and replace with (changes / additions in bold):

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That there is cross party support for climate emergency motions and ambitious carbon reduction strategies – the 61 councils that have already passed such a motion include Labour led, Conservative led, Liberal Democrat led and NOC authorities.

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Council resolves:

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To require the Administration, relevant Committees, and senior officers to collaborate with this action group, to examine what more can be done by the borough council to deliver a carbon-neutral borough, and to work with the action group to produce and publish a plan setting out how the council, through its policies, practices and actions will help to deliver a carbon-neutral borough by the set date.

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To require that the Administration, relevant Committees, and senior officers work with the Mayor of London and cross-party representatives from Councils across Greater London to produce a regional climate emergency strategic collaboration plan to move to a carbon neutral region.

Regular meetings of this group will become a part of the battle for a carbon neutral region.

**That Barnet Council appoints an officer with specific responsibility for energy and sustainability who reports direct to the Chief Executive.**

**That Barnet Council establishes a Citizens Assembly, by random selection from an inclusive demographic of the Borough, to learn, consult all relevant stakeholders, deliberate and make recommendations to the Council on any necessary climate emergency actions - with the Council undertaking to lead on implementing these recommendations.**

**To invite climate emergency campaigner, Greta Thunberg, to address the Council.**

To require that the chief executive and the leaders of all groups on the council jointly write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs declaring a climate emergency and urging him to give local government across the country powers and funding to take meaningful action to address this emergency.