

Amendment to Opposition motion: Barnet's Climate Action Plan (Agenda Item 14.7) in the name of Cllr Jo Cooper

**Amendment by: Cllr Paul Edwards
Barnet's Climate Action Plan**

Add at the end:

Council notes that according to the Friends of the Earth assessment only 41 per cent of homes are well insulated in Barnet, and 10 per cent of households in the area are in fuel poverty, which means they can't afford to heat their homes properly. Poor insulation results in high greenhouse gas emissions and high energy bills.

Council also notes that switching from gas central heating to eco-heating (such as heat pumps), which doesn't burn fossil fuels, will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Council instructs the Policy and Resources Committee / Housing & Growth Committee to consider:

- how LB Barnet could help residents upgrade the insulation of 8,590 homes per year in Barnet which will help ensure all homes are properly insulated by 2030, lifting as many people as possible out of fuel poverty;
- how LB Barnet could help residents access Government grants for installing eco-heating.

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Amendment by: Cllr Geof Cooke
Barnet's Climate Action Plan

Add at the end:

Council notes that transport is the biggest source of greenhouse gases in the UK, so constant efforts by LB Barnet to encourage more people to reduce car use and increase the proportion of journeys by public transport, cycling and walking is a key element of any local Climate Action Plan.

According to Friends of the Earth, to deliver the greenhouse gas reductions the UK needs will require car use to be reduced by between 20 per cent and 60 per cent, depending on other factors like the speed of switch to electric vehicles.

Council notes that in Barnet only 48 per cent of people commute by public transport, 2 per cent cycle, and 6 per cent walk. The figures in the best performing similar local authority area are 68 per cent, 4 per cent and 17 per cent respectively.

Council instructs the Environment Committee to consider:

- adopting a target of 80 per cent of people in Barnet commuting by public transport, cycling and walking by 2030, and developing a strategy for reaching the target;
- ways to increase the number of Electric Vehicle Charging points in Barnet to at least 142 by 2030 - the Committee on Climate Change recommended minimum for Barnet;
- offering a service to install EVCs on private driveways and land;
- securing agreement from major local employers, including LB Barnet, to set a target for increasing the proportion of staff sharing car journeys in Barnet.

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**Amendment: Cllr Barry Rawlings
Barnet's Climate Action Plan**

Add at the end:

Council notes that, according to Friends of the Earth, the UK needs to produce up to 8 times more renewable electricity to end reliance on climate-wrecking oil and gas.

Council instructs Policy & Resources Committee to consider how LB Barnet can help increase the current level of 3MW renewable power in the Borough to 57MW - the best level of similar local authority areas.

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**Amendment: Cllr Anne Clarke
Barnet's Climate Action Plan**

Add at the end:

Council notes that trees help absorb the main greenhouse gas carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it as carbon.

Council instructs the Environment Committee to consider how Barnet can increase tree cover to 20 per cent from an estimated 10 per cent currently; and if current plans meet this target, how a target of 30 per cent could be met.

Council also instructs the Environment Committee to ensure that LB Barnet applies for any Mayor of London funds to promote awareness raising campaigns around reducing engine idling in Barnet - a practice that increases greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution unnecessarily.

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**Amendment: Cllr Alan Schneiderman
Barnet's Climate Action Plan**

Add at the end:

Council notes that making everything we buy, using it and throwing it away all contribute to climate change.

Council notes that Barnet currently reuses, recycles and composts around 37 per cent of its waste, compared to 49 per cent in similar local authorities.

Council instructs the Environment Committee:

- to consider setting a target of 70 per cent of household waste reused, recycled or composted in Barnet as has been set across Wales, and
- develop a plan to work towards zero waste by 2030.

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**Amendment: Cllr Alison Moore
Barnet's Climate Action Plan**

Add at the end:

Council notes that many local authorities invest their pension scheme funds in fossil fuel companies that contribute to climate change.

Council notes that, as well as the environmental impact, there are risks associated with holding assets in fossil fuel companies as climate change action results in a move away from carbon.

Council instructs the Pension Fund Committee to review its holdings in fossil fuel companies and to divest from these in order to protect and maximise returns to the Pension Fund.

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**Amendment: Cllr Ross Houston
Barnet's Climate Action Plan**

Add at the end:

Council notes the requirement in the London Plan for zero carbon developments.

Council instructs Policy & Resources Committee:

- to review the extent to which LB Barnet has implemented the Mayor's zero carbon standard on new development since the standard came into effect, and where this has not been achieved what mitigation in the form of carbon offsetting has occurred;
- to ensure that the London Plan requirements for zero carbon developments and carbon offsetting are fully implemented and enforced going forward.

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