

**Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021**  
**Amendment to Administration Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman**  
**Sustainable Energy in Barnet**

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes that:

- Barnet currently produces approximately 3GWh of renewable energy per year.
- Barnet needs to generate 69GWh of renewable energy by 2030 if the national target set by the Committee on Climate Change is to be reached.
- Barnet would need to generate 132GWh of renewable energy a year to match the best performing similar local authority – which is the Friends of the Earth ‘stretch’ target for the Borough.
- Barnet needs to install 1,219 EV charging points by 2030 to meet the Committee on Climate Change target – there are currently only 139 fitted.
- Barnet needs to fit 28,667 eco-heating systems in housing, such as heat pumps to meet the Committee on Climate Change target by 2030 – there are currently only 36 Government-funded systems fitted.
- 47% of homes need to be properly insulated in Barnet to meet the Government target of 89% by 2035 – roughly 8,798 homes a year.
- 2489 new green jobs could be created in Barnet by 2030, according to the Local Government Association – including in the energy sector.
- Friends of the Earth are calling for 1470 green apprenticeships in Barnet by 2023.
- Barnet Council’s Pension Fund invests £30,661,059 in fossil fuels, of which £20,339,496 is in oil and gas and £10,321,563 is in coal, according to Friends of the Earth.

Council believes that:

- Investing in sustainable energy will help clean Barnet’s air and will save the Council, our residents and businesses money, and create new green jobs
- More needs to be done to create the green apprenticeships in Barnet, so young people can get the skills to work in the green economy
- LB Barnet should agree more ambitious targets for increasing the number of EV charge points in the Borough to take advantage of a huge growth market, with its potential to reduce pollution and carbon emissions
- More needs to be done to ensure that renewable energy is part of future development schemes.
- More needs to be done in Barnet to insulate current homes and fit eco-heating systems.
- Barnet Council should commit to divesting completely from Pension Fund investments in fossil fuel companies as soon as possible.
- Barnet’s sustainable energy plans need to be more ambitious to meet the national targets.
- Barnet’s Sustainability Strategy is overdue and needs to be expedited quickly.

- The Borough can and must do more to produce and use sustainable energy in Barnet.

Council resolves to:

1. Ensure that Barnet invests more in sustainable energy, and at a faster pace
2. Develop a more comprehensive communication and community engagement strategy on sustainability, including for renewable energy
3. Make sustainability a core part of Council policy and decision-making, as well as including 'environmental implications' in all reports for decision – as proposed by Labour councillors at Environment Committee
4. Ensure the Council's Sustainability Strategy and its sustainable energy plans include an action plan to meet the national targets as set out above
5. Do all it can to do its bit to help the UK reduce its emissions by reaching net zero carbon in Barnet by 2030, in line with the London Plan and other councils.