

Agreed Motion

This Council resolves to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Make Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council operations carbon neutral by Dec 2025 by ensuring that 100% of its heating and electrical needs are met from renewable sources and cease the purchase and/or lease of any vehicle that is not low carbon;
3. Pledge to work towards making Basingstoke & Deane net zero carbon by 2030, ahead of the current 2050 target, ensuring that reducing carbon emissions is embedded in all relevant Council decision making;
4. Develop carbon reduction pathways, climate compliant strategies and plans, working with the County Council, LEP and other partners in both the public and private sector to prioritise all opportunities to introduce such zero carbon and sustainable policies, action plans and targets;
5. Undertake a Local Plan review where the Borough proposes policies for adoption in all areas that will drive zero carbon and sustainable development in Basingstoke and Deane;
6. Ensure local people are able to contribute to the formulation and scrutiny of the strategic actions needed to address the environment and climate emergency by consulting on proposals and by organising an annual 'Tackling the Environment and Climate Emergency' meeting, hosted by the CEP Committee, in addition to the wide-range of existing opportunities for local people to make representations to the Council;
7. Receive a report in early 2020 on what strategic actions the Council is taking to address the environment and climate emergency, including an action plan and milestones to achieve emissions reductions within the Council's control, and to share details of representations being made to other institutions to achieve reductions in emissions outside of the Council's direct control.