

Notice of Motion

Councillor Freeborn has submitted the following Motion

Declare a 'Climate Emergency'

'This Council notes:

- That a changing climate will have severe and enduring social, economic and environmental implications, and that tackling climate change is an issue of inequality as the greatest impact will be on the most vulnerable and those least able to protect themselves.
- 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 strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.

This Council further notes:

- Barking and Dagenham Council's existing work to tackle climate change, including committing to cutting our carbon footprint by 25% by 2025, launching Beam Energy to provide cheaper fuel tariffs with energy from 100% renewable sources and committing to ending single use plastic in the council.

This Council resolves to:

1. Pledge to do everything within its power to make B&D carbon neutral by 2030.
 - Launch a review to report on delivering a Zero-Carbon B&D including publishing a new B&D Action Plan on Climate Change, with an interim draft to be presented for scrutiny by Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.
 - Setting specific and measurable targets to reduce carbon emissions for the Council and for the borough as a whole, including costed milestones to zero-carbon;
 - Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;
 - Increase local resilience to climate impacts already in the system
2. Task the Director for Inclusive Growth with responsibility for reducing carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities as rapidly as possible, and ensuring a coordinated approach across housing, our corporate estate, transport, regeneration, planning and other services.

3. Continue to prioritise support for vulnerable residents through Beam Energy, working with partners at a community, borough wide and regional level to provide advice services and access to funding for heating, insulation and ventilation.
4. Accelerate existing programmes to deliver reductions in greenhouse gas emissions including delivery of heat networks in the borough, low carbon development and high-quality housing, an efficient and low carbon corporate estate and support for renewables and for community energy.
5. Work with partner bodies across the borough and across London to ensure the climate emergency is adequately reflected in the development and implementation of all borough wide strategies and plans.
6. Reaffirm B&Ds membership of UK100 and use our membership to work with other councils across the UK to meet climate change targets.
7. Draw up a communications strategy to support delivery of a Zero-Carbon B&D and enable our residents to make low carbon choices.
8. Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make this possible'.