

Ordinary Committees

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Werneth – 28 January and 4 March 2019

6. MOTIONS - NOTICE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNDER COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURE RULE 12

(i) Declaration of a Climate Emergency

RESOLVED - This Council notes:

- The findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report 'Global warming of 1.5°' published on 8 October 2018, in particular:
- That human activities are estimated to have already caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels;
- That if we continue at the current rate, we are likely to surpass the Paris Agreement target of 1.5°C as early as 2030;
- That at the current level of commitments, the world is on course for 3°C of warming with irreversible and catastrophic consequences for humans and the natural world.

The Council believes that:

- The impacts of global temperature rise above 1.5°C, are so severe that governments at all levels must work together and make this their top priority.
- As well as large-scale improvements in health and wellbeing around the world, bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.
- As urban populations increase, greater consideration of how urban systems can develop sustainability will be required.

Therefore, this Council agrees:

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- To declare a 'climate emergency', and support the Greater Manchester 5 Year Environment Plan launched at 2019's Green Summit.
- To ensure the right resources are in place within the Council to support this work,
- To establish a new task and finish group, with a remit to:
 - (i) Seek advice from experts to develop 5 Year carbon budgets and set a challenging target date of 2038 for carbon neutrality;
 - (ii) Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;
 - (iii) Make recommendations and set an ambitious timescale for reducing these impacts in line with wider Greater Manchester ambitions;
 - (iv) To assess the feasibility of requiring all risk and procurement assessments to include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible.
 - (v) Report to Full Council with the actions the Council needs to take to address this emergency and how it will work with GMCA and other GM Districts to develop a Mission Based Approach to implementation.
- To task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities.
- To equip all our staff, particularly those involved with buildings, energy and transport management and procurement of goods and service, with an awareness of the CO2 costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions.
- To recognise that the Council has many competing priorities and that any actions arising from this work take account of how they impact from a financial and policy context.
- That the Leader will write to the Prime Minister to inform her that this Council has declared a climate emergency and ask her to provide the resources and powers necessary to deal with it.

(ii) Ensuring Stockport gets a fair share of police resources

MOVED AND SECONDED - This council meeting notes with concern:

- that Greater Manchester Police's budget has been cut by £183m over recent years;
- recorded crime has risen by 17% over the past 12 months;
- earlier in the year the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police warned that police officer numbers could be cut to their lowest level since the 1970s;
- this is despite an undertaking by the Conservative Government in their 2015 Spending Review to protect police funding; and
- the undertaking has only been met by shifting an increasing part of the burden to council tax funding, which is highly regressive.

This council meeting further notes that:

- the £24 increase at Band D in the mayoral precept for policing is to be used to employ 320 additional officers;