

Motions to Council Request Form

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| Proposed Title of Motion | Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill |
| Proposer | Cllr Neil Dallen |
| Seconder | Cllr Julie Morris |
| <p>Motion</p> <p>Set out motion in full</p> | <p>Council Motion</p> <p>Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1.2°C from pre-industrial levels and the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals currently threatened with extinction.</p> <p>Unless we drastically change course, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's safe 1.5°C limit. Pledges like the Paris Agreement and updated emissions targets are not legally binding. The gap between pledges and policies leaves the world on course for catastrophic warming of near 3%. As the 2018 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) made clear, every half a degree makes a world of difference: severe climate impacts with 1.5°C of warming, such as extreme weather patterns causing flooding and heat waves, get <i>significantly</i> worse with 2°C. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.</p> <p>The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world and more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction and more than 40% are in decline. We have lost 95% of our hedgehogs. The UK needs a legally-enforceable nature target so that by 2030 nature is visibly and measurably on the path of recovery, in line with the Global Goal for Nature and the Leaders' Pledge for Nature .</p> <p>Council notes that:</p> |

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| | <p>a) Many local authorities are playing an important role in the UK taking action to achieve net zero carbon emissions, and to protect and revitalise local wildlife and natural habitats.</p> <p>b) Parliament in May 2019 declared an Environment and Climate Emergency.</p> <p>c) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”), which, if it became law, would require the government to develop a strategy to address the emergency. For more information visit web site www.ceebill.uk.</p> <p>Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill through the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan; ii) Write an open letter to Chris Grayling MP (shared with our residents through local and social media) urging them to sign up to support the Bill, or thanking them for doing so; and iii) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (joinus@ceebill.uk). |
| <p>Relevant Committee(s) Motion would relate to</p> | <p>Environment and Safe Communities</p> |
| <p>Name of the Chairman of such Committee</p> | <p>Cllr Neil Dallen</p> |