



## Motions to Council Request Form

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<b>Proposed Title of Motion</b>	Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill
<b>Proposer</b>	Cllr Neil Dallen
<b>Seconder</b>	Cllr Julie Morris
<p><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Set out motion in full</p>	<p><b>Council Motion</b></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 <a href="#">28% of plants and animals</a> 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 <a href="#">near 3%</a>. As the <a href="#">2018 report</a> 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 <a href="#">one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world</a> and more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction and more than 40% are in decline. We have lost <a href="#">95% of our hedgehogs</a>. 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 <a href="#">Global Goal for Nature</a> and the <a href="#">Leaders' Pledge for Nature</a> .</p> <p>Council notes that:</p>

	<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 <a href="#">Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill</a> (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 <a href="http://www.cebill.uk">www.cebill.uk</a>.</p> <p>Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>Support</b> the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill through the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan;</li> <li>ii) <b>Write an open letter to Chris Grayling MP</b> (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</li> <li>iii) Write to the <a href="#">CEE Bill Alliance</a>, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (<a href="mailto:joinus@cebill.uk">joinus@cebill.uk</a>).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant Committee(s) Motion would relate to</b></p>	<p>Environment and Safe Communities</p>
<p><b>Name of the Chairman of such Committee</b></p>	<p>Cllr Neil Dallen</p>