

Climate Emergency

Fareham Council notes:

That climate breakdown is being recognised as an emergency around the world.

That the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change asserts 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 the House of Commons and a growing number of UK local authorities, including our County Council partner, have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

That Fareham Council has been a leader in seeking to reduce carbon-based energy use and in promoting recycling of materials

Fareham Council therefore commits to:

- Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action, building on the engagement with climate issues demonstrated by the Council and the wider Fareham community.
- Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030
- Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030
- Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.
- Support and work with the County Council, PFSH and voluntary agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;
- Ensure that the Executive and Scrutiny panels review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline;
- Request that Council Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies, and that the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy take into account the actions the council will take to address this emergency;
- Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;
- Request that the Executive members for Streetscene and Planning & Development convene a Citizens' Assembly in order to involve the wider population in this process. This group would help develop their own role, identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030, consider the latest climate science and expert advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;
- Set up a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, Citizens Assembly representatives and other relevant parties to develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030.
- Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio;

- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise;
- Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to): renewable energy generation and storage, encouraging alternatives to private car use, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and, increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities.