

NOTICE OF MOTION – DECLARING A CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Council	11 July 2019
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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Pugh, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Status	For Decision
Classification:	<i>Unrestricted</i>
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

To consider a Notice of Motion submitted in relation to the declaration of a climate change emergency.

Recommendation(s):

Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	None arising directly from this report
Legal	<p>Council Procedure Rule 3.7 states that: “the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 16” (<i>rules of debate</i>)</p> <p>However, as only Council can adopt the motion on notice, the motion will fall if the Council does not agree to debate it.</p>
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

	Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
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one arising directly from this report		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following motion has been received from Councillor Yates in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 3:

<p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Declare a climate emergency; ● Pledge to do what is within our powers and resources to make Thanet District Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions; ● Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible; ● Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies; ● Requests the council investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment;

2.0 Options

- 2.1 To debate the motion

- 2.2 Not to debate the motion, in which case the motion will fall.

- 2.3 As per Council Procedure Rule 3.8 vii) any motion on notice that proposes the adoption of a policy or the taking of a decision where Council has not received a report from the officers setting out the technical, legal and financial implications of adopting the policy or taking the decision in question shall only be debated. Following the conclusion of the debate, the only action that may be taken is to refer the motion to Cabinet for consideration.

2.4 Council procedure rule applied in this instance and therefore if Full Council do agree to debate the motion then at the conclusion of the debate the only action that the Council may take is to refer the motion to Cabinet.

3.0 Decision Making Process

3.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion, and if it does so, to refer it to Cabinet.

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