

(b) Climate Change

Motion moved by Councillor J M Whitehouse and seconded by Councillor D Jacobs (supported by Councillors R Frankel, D Kelly, Mrs P K Rush, P Spencer and Mrs J H Whitehouse).

“That this Council -

(a) acknowledges:

- evidence shows climate change is occurring;
- climate change will have far-reaching effects on the UK’s people and places, economy, society and environment;

(b) welcomes:

- the social, economic and environmental benefits which come from combating climate change;
- the emissions targets agreed by Central Government and the programme for delivering change, as set out in the UK climate change programme;
- the opportunity for local government to lead the response at a local level, encouraging and helping residents, local businesses and other organisations to reduce their energy costs, reduce congestion, adapt to the impacts of climate change, improve the local environment, and deal with fuel poverty;
- the endorsement of this declaration by Central Government, the Local Government Association and other Councils across the country;

(c) commits itself:

- to work with Central Government to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK climate change programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the target for carbon dioxide reduction by 2010;
- to participate in local and regional networks for support;
- to develop plans with our partners and local communities to address the causes and impacts of climate change, according to local priorities and securing maximum benefits for our communities;
- to achieving a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from our own operations, especially energy sourcing and use, travel and transport, waste production and disposal and the purchasing of goods and services;
- to assess the risks associated with climate change and the implications for our services and our communities of climate change impacts and adapt accordingly;
- to encourage our local community to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse emissions and make public their commitment to take action;

- to monitor the progress of our plans against the actions needed and publish the results; and

(d) acknowledges the increasing impact that climate change will have on our community during the 21st century and commits to tackling the causes and effects of a changing climate on our district”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Mrs M Sartin and seconded by Councillor D Stallan

“That the following clause be added to the motion:

(e) recommends that these issues be looked at by the Environment and Planning Services Standing Panel and that consideration be given to the signing of the Nottingham Declaration”

Carried

Motion as amended **ADOPTED**

RESOLVED:

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