



COUNCIL MEETING – 8 JULY 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

Proposed Amendment to Motion 5: Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Proposed amendment to be moved by Cllr Tricia Clarke

This Council notes:

- That [in July 2019, Council passed an Islington Labour motion that we have cross-party](#), declared a climate and ecological emergency [and committed to become a net zero carbon borough by 2030](#)
- [That Islington Council has](#) joined the UK100 alliance (www.uk100.org) of councils and have published "Vision 2030: Building a Net Zero Carbon Islington by 2030", a biodiversity strategy and a transport strategy.

This Council also notes:

- [The work of Islington's Labour-run Council to reduce carbon emissions and tackle toxic air pollution](#)
- [The transformative People Friendly Streets programme, and Islington's subsequent recognition as the top-ranked London Borough by the Healthy Streets Scorecard, acknowledging our efforts on a range of measures including the reduction of carbon emissions](#)
- [The investment in this year's Council Budget, which included more than £17million in projects to support our Vision 2030 strategy and £8 million investment in further electrifying the Council's vehicle fleet and the supporting infrastructure](#)
- That there is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the "Climate and Ecology Bill")—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels
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This Council further notes:

- The CEE Bill requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures; and
 - ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
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This Council therefore resolves to:

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