

# County Council



26 September 2019

**Motion to Council:** Climate Change

**Proposer:** Martin Tett

**Seconded:** Bill Chapple

This Council notes that global climate change is of increasing importance to the people of Buckinghamshire and is committed to playing its part in the UK meeting its 2050 net-zero target.

**Council resolves to:**

- **Recognise that the rate of climate change is a global emergency.**
- **Recognise that, although the UK constitutes 1% of global carbon emissions, it must nevertheless play its part in leading the way in promoting change both in the UK itself and, importantly, globally.**
- **Note the significant progress that Buckinghamshire County Council has made to date in addressing climate change.**
- **Agree that the new Buckinghamshire Council should consider addressing climate change as a key issue.**
- **Acknowledge the net-zero 2050 UK target, as contained in the 2008 Climate Change Act (as amended).**
- **Commission a carbon audit pre assessment to gain an insight into the Council's carbon usage.**
- **Recommend that Cabinet should further consider this issue, including what proposals, ahead of vesting day, the authority could implement to support this agenda. These proposals to include using the carbon audit gap analysis report to inform the policy decisions of the new Buckinghamshire Council once it is established next April.**