

Mr S Hepburn MP  
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Viking Industrial Estate  
Jarrow  
NE32 3DT

My Ref: LCS-DLDS-DS-C-022  
Your Ref:

Contact: Sheena Ramsey  
Ext: 2050

Date: 30 May 2019

Dear Mr Hepburn,

The Council at its meeting on 23 May 2019 agreed the following motion in relation to climate change:

**Council notes:**

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That the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms 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 all levels of government (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and that as a proactive local authority this Council recognises that we should not wait for national government to change its policies to act.

That strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.

**Council therefore commits to:**

The declaration of a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action.

Make the Council's activities carbon neutral 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 all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area carbon neutral within the same timescale.

Ensure that political and chief officers embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed.

Work with, influence and inspire partners across the borough to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops.

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.

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I trust that you will note the content of the motion that has been passed and will support the Council's representations to the Government.

Yours sincerely

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12 Regent Terrace  
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Tyne and Wear  
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St Cuthbert's Church Hall  
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Blaydon on Tyne  
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