

Motion submitted by Councillor Anne Western

I would like to submit the following motion to Council:

Climate change is an existential threat. Extreme weather events have caused damage and destruction in this country and have led to deaths and displacement of thousands of people worldwide. Natural habitats, wildlife and biodiversity are in peril. Scientists are warning that we have a little over a decade to implement urgent action to reduce CO2 emissions before we reach a global tipping point.

Action is required at international, national, local and individual level to achieve the carbon reduction levels needed.

This council recognises the work done by this and the previous administration and acknowledges the revised Corporate Environment Policy, Strategy and Action Plan recently agreed by Cabinet. Unfortunately, the current plans are not enough.

This Council pledges to:

- Declare a Climate Emergency
- Make Derbyshire County Council carbon neutral by 2030
- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible
- Work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies
- Report back to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency