

Council

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Notice of Motion

Proposer – Cllr C. Farrell
Seconder – Cllr D. Lomax

In October 2019 High Peak Borough Council passed a motion declaring a Climate Emergency. Since then it has taken some steps to achieving its target of achieving a state of zero carbon by 2030 but more needs to be done both locally and nationally.

In November 2021, the major international environment conference, the Conference of the Parties (COP) will meet in Glasgow with the UK Government as host.

A Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is currently going through Parliament, supported by most political parties. Presentation of this Bill at the COP by the Government would demonstrate that the United Kingdom is serious about becoming a world leader in the fight against climate change.

When ratified this Bill will open funding pathways to Local Authorities to help achieve our aims in combating climate change, sustaining and enhancing biodiversity and supporting the Government's ten point plan for a Green Industrial Revolution.

Motion

That this Council welcomes the re-arranged COP26 due to take place in Glasgow in November 2021 but calls upon the Government to implement the following:

Through the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill before Parliament develop an emergency strategy that:

- the UK government takes a lead consistent with limiting global temperature to a maximum of 1.5 degrees Celsius rise above pre-industrial levels;
- ensures that all the UKs consumption emissions are accounted for both here and abroad and includes aviation and shipping;
- protects and restores bio-diverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
- restores and regenerates the UKs bio-diverse habitats coupled with land management of soil and trees in order to help the carbon sink;
- invests in technology that aims to reduce our environmental impact in all spheres of life.

The Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
2. Write to our MP asking him to support the Bill on behalf of the people of High Peak.