

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 18 NOVEMBER 2021

## APPROVED MOTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

That the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, held in Glasgow has been a stark reminder to us all that more needs to be done to avoid the climate change crisis which, without strong action, will have dire effects on current and future generations.

This Council agrees that strong action must be taken locally to reduce carbon emissions and that the Council can do more to achieve carbon zero in the borough than that set out in our current climate change action plan.

Therefore, the Council agrees to update the climate change strategy to include a commitment to:

- ensure that, where practical and cost effective, all the council's procured services are net carbon zero by 2035.
- support and work with businesses and organisations towards making the entire borough net zero carbon by 2050;
- review the Council's investment strategy within the next 12 months to give consideration to climate change impacts in the council's investment portfolio.

This Council also commits to increasing its accountability and transparency on climate change action by:

- proactively including young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;
- publicly reporting on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our investment plans have;
- holding an annual 'people's assembly' with residents and relevant organisations to discuss and shape revisions to the climate change action plan.