

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies: Extract from the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 13 December 2018</b>	
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>24 January 2019</b>	
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance &amp; Law</b>	
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>	

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

***Action Required of the Housing & New Homes Committee***

To receive the notice of motion referred from the Council for consideration.

**Recommendations:** That the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee be requested to:

- undertake a short review of BHCC governance policies and progress aimed at addressing locally these twin threats of global climate and biodiversity emergencies and to report on findings;
- consider a target date of 2030 for whole city carbon neutrality;
- consider how the Council can strengthen local protection and enhancement of species, habitats and ecosystems services under available powers.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 13 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Simson (Chair), Phillips (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Platts, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls and Yates.

**PART ONE**

**55. (1) CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCIES**

55.1 The Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Sykes on behalf of the Green Group and seconded by Councillor Greenbaum.

55.2 Following a debate on the matter in which councillors Mitchell, Janio, Gibson, Hill, Morris, O'Quinn and Sykes spoke, the Mayor then put the following motion to the vote:

"This Council notes with concern the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on global climate change impacts and the recent Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) reports on global species and habitat loss. Council notes also that our coastal city on the edge of the South Downs is affected by these threats, which are projected to intensify.

Further to this, Council:

(1) Declares its recognition of global climate and biodiversity emergencies;

(2) Requests the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee to:

- undertake a short review of BHCC governance policies and progress aimed at addressing locally these twin threats and to report on findings;
- consider a target date of 2030 for whole city carbon neutrality;
- consider how the Council can strengthen local protection and enhancement of species, habitats and ecosystems services under available powers;

- (3) Request the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer stating the concern of the Council with respect to the above, the likely national impact on the economy and on the wellbeing of citizens, and requesting government funding be made available to implement swift appropriate actions in response.

55.3 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been agreed unanimously.

