

NOTICE OF MOTION**CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCIES****GREEN GROUP**

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.

Proposed by: Cllr Sykes

Seconded by: Cllr Greenbaum

Supporting Information:

UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2018

https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/26879/EGR2018_ESEN.pdf?isAllowed=y&sequence=1

Climate change, biodiversity and human health

<https://www.who.int/globalchange/ecosystems/biodiversity/en/>

WWF Living Planet report 2018 https://www.wwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-10/wwfintl_livingplanet_full.pdf

Biodiversity: state of emergency <https://news.cnrs.fr/articles/biodiversity-state-of-emergency>

