



## **Council**

**Monday 13 December 2021**

**Agenda Item 15, Motions**

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Ian Middleton**

**Motion Seconder: TBC**

**Topic: Climate Change Emergency Response**

### **Motion**

“The COP26 Glasgow Climate Pact recognises the crucial role of local authorities in addressing and responding to climate change, and the urgent need for multilevel cooperation with, and active involvement of, local communities in designing and implementing action on climate change.

Shortly before COP26, the Government published its Net Zero Strategy report, including the proposal to establish a Net Zero Forum to coordinate with local councils.

The report recommended that Government should work with local authorities on a net zero delivery framework, establishing roles and responsibilities for local and central government and recognising the critical part local councils play in delivering a just transition to zero carbon. However it also noted that there was no clear commitment to a significant level of long-term government funding to facilitate this.

Therefore, as part of our climate change emergency response, this council resolves to :

1. Recognise a hierarchy of action with direct investment in facilities, infrastructure and changes to services first, and off-setting as a last resort.
2. Ensure critical enabling processes, such as planning policy and appraisal methodologies are aligned to zero carbon pathways in accordance with national planning policy where required.
3. Request that the Leader lobby government for predictable and long-term funding settlements to help realise effective local delivery of climate action goals.
4. Request that the Corporate Director Commercial Development, Assets and Investment investigate the establishment of local Green Investment Bonds to enable residents and stakeholders to contribute to the development of green infrastructure projects in their communities.”