

REPORT OF THE  
**Cabinet**  
PART I

**1. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNTY COUNCIL:  
CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 1.1. On 17 May 2019 County Council considered a Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 as proposed by Councillor Martin Tod and seconded by Councillor Adrian Collett. The Motion is attached at Appendix 1. In accordance with Standing Order 18.4 County Council resolved to refer the Motion for consideration by the Cabinet. At its meeting on 17 June 2019, Cabinet considered the Motion and made a number of resolutions, including a recommendation to the County Council.
- 1.2. Cabinet heard four deputations from members of the public and from three non-executive Members, including the proposer of the Motion to Council, Councillor Tod. The deputations highlighted the threats of climate change and called on the County Council to take action and show leadership in the areas of carbon reduction, energy use, waste management, agriculture and countryside protection.
- 1.3. Cabinet recognised the breadth and complexity of the issues around climate change and acknowledged the scale of public concern. Cabinet also welcomed the Prime Minister's initiative for carbon neutrality by 2050 and felt that the County Council should take its own action to build on the success of past initiatives including those relating to schools, streetlighting, vehicles and in the Council's own buildings.
- 1.4. With this in mind, it was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Councillor Humby:

*“That Cabinet declares a ‘Climate Emergency’ in line with the action taken by many other Councils and organisations in the UK and globally, and commits to develop an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change.*

*Furthermore because of the widespread public and member interest in this matter, that Cabinet recommends that the County Council endorses this decision”*
- 1.5. Cabinet discussed the proposed recommendation, noting the importance of environmental stewardship and the threat of climate change to the current way of life. It was agreed that the recognition of the emergency was timely and the significance of turning a pledge into actions was noted. The recommendation was agreed as proposed above.

The full report to Cabinet can be found at the following link:

- [Referral of Motion from County Council on 17 May 2019](#)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the County Council endorses the decision of Cabinet to:

*Declare a 'Climate Emergency' in line with the action taken by many other Councils and organisations in the UK and globally, and commits to develop an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change.*