

We know that climate breakdown is already causing serious damage around the world. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 2018 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C' describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise and confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action. As many local councils now recognise, and as the outline 'Climate Emergency' motion we passed in May recognises, we have a duty to act NOW, and cannot wait for national governments to change their policies.

In this context, this motion proposes that **Dorset Council commits to:**

1. **Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030;**
2. **Work with partners and stake-holders** to achieve the same across the whole of the Council area;
3. Develop a Dorset wide **transport strategy** that discourages car use, encourages walking and cycling, and drastically improves rail and bus services;
4. Develop an **energy strategy** that provides local renewable energy generation and storage, increases the efficiency of buildings and addresses fuel poverty;
5. Develop a new Dorset Local Plan that ensures all **planning decisions** are consistent with a shift to net-zero carbon by 2030;
6. End any investment by the **Dorset Local Government Pension Fund** in the fossil fuel industry or other activities that have an impact on climate change;
7. Ensure that our net-zero carbon by 2030 ambition is reflected in **ALL strategies and plans**, that all policy papers include a Climate Impact Assessment;
8. Require the cross-party climate change panel to report back to Council, within nine months, to provide a **time table and action plan** detailing how all the above can be achieved;
9. Take steps to **proactively consult** and include the opinions of residents, particularly young people, in all of the above, and consider setting up citizens' assemblies; and
10. Call on **the UK Government** to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and lobby local MPs to do likewise.