

**Motions on Notice****MOTION 1**

**Proposer:** Councillor Jane March

**Secunder:** TBC

“Tunbridge Wells Borough Council recognises the overwhelming weight of scientific evidence pointing to man-made climate change and the harmful impacts this is having on natural habitats and ecosystems, biodiversity and our lives in general. It further notes the work undertaken to date by the Council including efforts to promote active travel, increase recycling and to eradicate plastic in the Town Hall.

The Council agrees to:

- Declare its recognition of global climate and biodiversity emergencies;
- Ensure that forthcoming plans and strategies (including the Local Plan and the next iteration of the Five-Year Plan) set out ways in which the Council can reduce carbon emissions and the degradation of the environment and make a positive contribution to combating climate change with an ambition to make the Council carbon neutral by 2030;
- Ensure that residents and businesses are consulted on and involved in this process including the potential of a Citizens’ Assembly;
- Explore ways in which the Council can reduce its own carbon footprint; and
- Lobby central government to provide additional resources and to grant the necessary freedoms to deliver the above.”

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**MOTION 2**

**Proposer:** Councillor Luke Everitt

**Secunder:** TBC

“Tunbridge Wells Borough Council acknowledges that the world is facing a climate emergency. It recognises that it has a responsibility to take the lead on reducing the council’s and the wider borough’s carbon emissions.

As its contribution the Council commits to make the work of the Council carbon neutral by 2030. It will work with partners across the county and region to develop new strategies to deliver this new goal, investigate all possible sources of funding to support this commitment, complete a green audit of all council services to ensure that weight is given to the environmental and sustainability impact as well as cost, and call on the Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.

*(continued overleaf)*

To encourage a wider contribution the Council also agrees to set up a climate change task force to complete a report within the fiscal year with actions that it needs to take to address this emergency including how businesses, organisations and individuals can be encouraged to make their own contributions to meeting a goal to make the Borough carbon neutral by 2030.

Climate change will have implications for generations to come therefore the Council and partners will take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future.”

Background information:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/information-and-data/Facts-and-figures-about-Kent/environmental-policies/climate-change/kents-changing-climate>

<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>

[https://www.campaigncc.org/councils\\_climate\\_emergency](https://www.campaigncc.org/councils_climate_emergency)

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### **MOTION 3**

**Proposer:** Councillor David Hayward

**Seconder:** Councillor Christian Atwood

In accordance with CPR 14.2, subscribers to the motion: Councillors Atwood, Bruneau, Everitt, Hayward, Hill, Pope, Pound, Rands, Warne and Willis.

“Cabinet be requested to terminate the Calverley Square project with immediate effect and will not enter into any further commitments other than to manage an orderly termination of this project.”

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