

## **COUNCIL - MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2023**

### **9(1) Declaration of a Climate Emergency**

The following motion on notice has been submitted by Councillor Jones in accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 9.12:

#### **Charnwood Borough Council notes:**

- a) The UK as a signatory to the Paris Accord 2015 is committed to action to fight Climate Change which includes recognising the need to limit by 2030 temperature rises to 1.5°C above the internationally recognised pre-industrial baseline which was re-affirmed at the UK Framework Convention on Climate Change 2022 (COP27);
- b) Climate change poses an imminent and severe threat to our borough, country and planet, with increasingly severe weather already impacting our public health, local economy and community wellbeing;
- c) It is our duty as a Council to recognise our role in leading action to mitigate climate change by reducing carbon emissions, encouraging sustainable development and ensuring the resilience of our community;
- d) Many Councils throughout the United Kingdom have now declared a Climate Emergency;
- e) The significant progress made to date by Charnwood Borough Council in mitigating and adapting to climate change which includes:
  - a. The approval by Cabinet on 12th October of the Council's Climate Change Strategy 2023-2030 and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan 2023-2030
  - b. The passing by Council on 4th September of the motion calling on Leicestershire Local Government Pension Scheme to divest from Fossil Fuel Investments.

#### **This Council therefore commits to:**

- a) Declaring a Climate Emergency;
- b) To use such a declaration to continue to build on the current strategy and accelerate work with partners across the county and region to develop and implement best practice methods that can deliver carbon reductions and help limit global warming.
- c) Providing leadership to residents, communities and businesses to support and enable the Borough's transition to net zero