

COUNCIL – 8TH NOVEMBER 2021

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9(1) Towards Carbon Neutrality in Charnwood

The following motion on notice has been submitted by the Labour Group in accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 9.12:

This Council notes that:

This year marks the 26th COP summit, taking place 1-12 November 2021 in the UK. The spotlight is now firmly on the UK to provide a level of global leadership that raises ambition and turns promises into desperately needed action to tackle the climate crisis.

This Council believes that:

Local authorities have their part to play in showing this leadership, by acknowledging the urgent need for action on climate change, taking steps to reduce their own carbon footprint, and encouraging and supporting local businesses and residents to do the same.

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Appoint a dedicated member of staff to oversee the progress of the council towards its goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2025, ensure it is kept on track, and that any available external funding identified is applied for.
- 2) Ensure that the CBC Carbon Neutral Project Board is a democratic and politically balanced entity, comprising members from across the political spectrum. The climate crisis affects us all.
- 3) Introduce obligatory Carbon Literacy training for ALL officers and councillors.
- 4) Commit to a minimum annual budget for carbon neutral projects for the next five years at least, to ensure progress doesn't stall due to lack of financial commitment.
- 5) Establish a Charnwood Climate Committee made up of knowledgeable representatives in the relevant fields of business & industry, research and academia and community, to look at ways businesses and residents in the borough of Charnwood can be supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint.