

Motion on Climate Change Emergency

Leadership Board, Tuesday 5 November 2019

Proposer: Cllr Iain Malcolm

Resolved unanimously that:

The North East Combined Authority recognises:

- 1.1 The recent 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states that we have just 11 years to act if global temperature rises are to be kept to 1.5 degree Celsius. Failing to meet this target would subject us to catastrophic social and ecological impacts, which worsen for every degree of warming.
- 1.2 Climate change is a global issue which affects everyone including the people across the NECA region.
- 1.3 The foresight and leadership already shown by the NECA constituent Councils when it comes to addressing the issue of Climate Change and welcomes the strong commitments and positive actions in their respective climate emergency declarations.
- 1.4 That a vast amount of work is taking place across the NECA area and the strong commitment to clean and inclusive economic growth.

In recognition of the seriousness of the global climate emergency, the North East Combined Authority resolves to:

- i. Declare a “Climate Emergency”.
- ii. Fully support all four NECA constituent authorities in working towards their ambitious carbon reduction targets.
- iii. Establishing a task and finish group to identify what additional resources and legislation would be required to support the local authorities work to reduce carbon emissions across the NECA footprint.
- iv. Receive an annual update report on progress towards emissions targets within the NECA constituent authority areas and data relating to reduction of carbon emissions across the NECA footprint.



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- v. Maximise all funding opportunities to support carbon emission reductions.
- vi. Facilitate the sharing of best practice across the NECA area.
- vii. Work with NECA constituent authorities to help prioritise carbon reduction measures that will have the greatest impact while bringing in added benefits such as environmental improvements and economic growth.
- viii. Work collaboratively with the North East Local Enterprise Partnership to promote carbon reduction across the business community and within future iterations of the Strategic Economic Plan and the Local Industrial Strategy.
- ix. Ensure all future NECA Leadership Board reports comment on the impact any decision will have on the climate emergency agenda