

South Derbyshire District Council

Meeting of Council on 27 June 2019

Motion submitted by Councillor Dr Robert Pearson

This Council notes that humans have caused climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. In order to reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that all countries reduce carbon equivalent (CO₂eq) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.

Councils like South Derbyshire are uniquely placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions, for example through:

- improving the energy efficiency of Council properties
- the use of electric powered vehicles
- requiring carbon saving measures in its procurement processes
- prioritising climate adaption measures in planning

This Council believes that local government has a duty to limit the negative impact of climate change, and that it should take a lead on moving South Derbyshire toward carbon neutrality.

This Council pledges to:

- Declare a Climate Emergency
- Make South Derbyshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030
- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible
- Work with partners across the District and region to deliver this goal through all relevant strategies
- Report back to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency