

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

26 November 2020

Title: Questions by Members of the Council

Notice has been received of the following questions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Jim Allan

Could the Elected Mayor or her Cabinet member provide an update on the progress being made on the Climate Emergency Action Plan. It is now over twelve months since full council agreed to the proposal below and could be advised when local ward councillors will be invited to participate and make contributions to the work. Could the response also provide the names of the Climate Emergency Board members.

That Council:

- 1. notes the significant progress made to date by the Authority in reducing carbon dioxide emissions.*
- 2. agrees that the Authority:*
 - a. declares a climate emergency.*
 - b. seeks to halve the Authority's and the Borough's carbon footprint by 2023, four years ahead of the current target.*
 - c. commits that itself and Borough will be carbon neutral by 2050 in line with the national target; and*
- 3. notes that Cabinet will receive an update report within six months.*
- 4. requests the Elected Mayor to instruct the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to:*
 - a. publish an annual report on the Authority's website that details performance against carbon reduction targets; ITEM 6 Climate Emergency Declaration*
 - b. includes young people in the development, delivery, and review of actions, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future.*
 - c. work with partners across the Borough and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans.*
 - d. call on Central Government to provide powers and resources to reduce carbon emissions;*
 - e. ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets, and approaches to planning decisions are in line with this climate emergency declaration; and*
 - f. ensure that the Authority Senior Leadership Team embed carbon reduction work across the Authority and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Authority's activities.*

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Andy Newman

I want to take this opportunity to Praise the Elected Mayor and the Cabinet's decision to provide free school meals to children during the half term holiday using funds from the Council's Poverty Intervention fund.

Can the Mayor confirm that the Poverty Intervention fund was set up before the pandemic with no additional support from the Conservative Government?

And can you tell me who on this Council supported its creation?