

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 24 JULY 2019

THAT in the light of scientific reports relating to the world's climate, the Isle of Wight Council, in keeping with its longstanding tradition, will continue to take all reasonable steps to minimise its environmental impact and to maintain the beauty of our Island. And on that basis that this council resolves to:

1. Declare and acknowledge a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. Aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions on the Island by 2030.
3. **Require the Chair of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage to establish a Task & Finish Group to report back to the committee within six months with a costed action plan, recommending how the Council could work with partners and central government to ensure that the Islands net carbon emissions can be reduced to zero by 2030.**
4. Present an annual update to the IW Council on progress towards achieving net zero carbon emissions in line with the IW councils support for our UNESCO Biosphere status.
5. Develop and implement a community engagement plan via the IW Council's Environment and Sustainability Forum (formerly community plastic forum) to mobilise environmental action groups, Parish Councils, biodiversity experts and residents in support of delivery of the action plan.
6. Liaise with other local authorities that have declared a Climate Emergency, through the Local Government Association, to lobby Government for additional powers and funding to help local authorities respond to the climate emergency.