

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 27 March 2023

Title of Motion:

Urging the UK Government to Provide Additional Funds and Support to Help Plymouth Achieve Its Net Zero 2030 Target

Motion Narrative and Action Required:

The Council notes:

Plymouth has set an ambitious but necessary target to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030, which is faster than the UK Government's 2050 target. This demonstrates our city's strong commitment to tackle the climate emergency and to be a leader in the transition to a low carbon economy.

However, achieving this target will require significant and consistent investment and support from the UK Government. One of the main obstacles is the availability of funding to insulate homes, improve heating systems, and promote sustainable transport, to name a few examples.

The council further notes that achieving the net zero target will bring many benefits to Plymouth, including cleaner air, reduced energy bills, and job creation in the green economy.

The Council therefore resolves:

Therefore, this council calls on the relevant Cabinet member, following the May 2023 election, to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, urging them to provide additional funds and support to help Plymouth reach its net zero 2030 target.

The letter should note that:

1. Plymouth's target is ambitious but achievable, if given appropriate investment and support from the UK Government.
2. One of the main obstacles to achieving this target is the availability of funding to insulate homes, improve heating systems, and promote sustainable transport, for example, and calls for the UK Government to provide additional funds and support to help address these obstacles.
3. The council also notes the importance of engaging with local communities and businesses in the transition to a low carbon economy and urges the UK Government to provide support for community-led initiatives and local businesses to help them transition to more sustainable practices.

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