

## QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



**Question submitted by:** Kate Prettyjohns

**To the Cabinet Member** Councillor James Stoneman (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Governance)

**To be asked at the next Council Meeting:** 27th March 2023

**Question (to be no longer than 50 words):**

The Devon Carbon Plan, section 12.2 puts the costs of net-zero primarily onto private companies and individuals. How much is this going to cost each individual in Plymouth on a yearly basis? When annually it's likely to cost £50 Billion nationwide. How do you plan to impose these costs?

**Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?** No.

**Response:** (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

Thank you for your question.

The Devon Carbon Plan has been produced by the Devon Net Zero Task Force, and not by the City Council, although we do endorse its principles.

The Plan states that:

'Achieving net-zero by 2050 at the latest will require a major nationwide investment programme, led by national government, but largely funded and delivered by private companies and individuals.'

This is in recognition that net zero can only be achieved through the actions of the whole of society. The Devon Carbon Plan is a partnership plan that invites - but doesn't impose - participation from local authorities, businesses and residents.