

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Question submitted by: Colin Joce

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Governance – Councillor James Stoneman

To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: City Council
Date: 27th March

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

In the growth and infrastructure overview and scrutiny committee on March 1st, James Stoneman stated "they (the people of Plymouth) want to see the council leading the way in the net zero action on the net zero action policy ".(1:10-1:11).
 I ask for unequivocal proof that supports this statement.

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?

Yes

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

Thank you for your question.

In the 2021 Plymouth Residents survey 85% of respondents were very, or fairly, concerned about the impact of climate change.

In addition, the survey also highlighted that 85% of respondents said they were very, or fairly, active in reducing their impact on the environment.

It remains my view that most people in Plymouth would wish to see the council responding to the existential issues we face as a society in relation to climate change.

Not that I do - but if I needed any further proof on this point – over and above the unequivocal latest science from the IPCC report published last week – it would come from listening to young people and other Climate Advisors who I meet regularly to discuss these issues.

As a City Council, we need to be exercising leadership in relation to climate change and certainly not denying its existence. We need to be working with businesses, partners and local people to make meaningful reductions in carbon emissions across all sectors to reflect the ambitious and unanimous decision of this City Council on 18th March 2019 to declare a climate emergency.

