

CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

This Board notes:

- that the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.
- that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.
- that all governments (national and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;
- that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits;
- and that, recognising this, a growing number of Isle of Man local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

Port St Mary Commissioners commit to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action.
2. Make the Board's activities net-zero carbon by 2030.
3. Achieve 100% clean energy across the Board's full range of functions by 2030.
4. Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030
5. Support the setting up of a Climate Change Liaison group, involving Commissioners, residents, young citizens and experts. The CCL will review the Climate Change Strategy and the latest climate science to help the Board develop a new carbon budget taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
6. CCL report to the Board by November 2019 with a costed action plans to address this emergency to be included in the 2020 budget.

7. Require Officers and Contractors to include Climate Change impact assessments on any new project.
8. Call on the Isle of Man Government to provide powers, resources and help with funding to make these action plans possible.
9. Support and work with other local authorities, Boards and the Government to share strategies, plans and resources to address this emergency.

The remit of the CCL to include (but not exclusive to) consideration of:

- Understanding the climate change impact of each area of the Board's activities;
- Assessing the baseline of the production and consumption of carbon emissions.
- Developing an action plan together with a budget to address this emergency.
- Investigating local carbon offsetting, including tree planting and energy efficient installations.
- Increasing local resilience to climate impacts already being experienced (drier hotter summers, wetter autumns);
- Maximising local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as health, agriculture, transport and the economy;
- Increasing the efficiency of buildings and prioritising these measures for social housing and private sector housing to address fuel poverty;
- Building solar and other renewable energy generating and storage plant;
- Requiring all new housing and commercial developments to be low carbon
- Replacing the vehicle fleet with electric and/or hydrogen powered vehicles; switching to 100% fossil-fuel-free energy once available;
- Consideration of local energy generation schemes.
- Adapting the council's purchasing policy;
- Divesting any funds held in fossil fuel industry.