

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Wednesday 10th March 2021

1. QUESTION FROM GILL WESTCOTT (IN ATTENDANCE)
Re: Motion on the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

In the light of the fact that the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill will require further development of UK national policy on climate change and a plan to;

- (i) Encourage conservation and restoration of soils, forests, peat bogs and coastal ecosystems;
- (ii) Meet carbon reduction targets consistent with keeping global temperature increase within 1.5 degrees C over pre-industrial levels, and
- (iii) Encourage ecologically sustainable supply chains,

and that therefore it is very likely to enable and facilitate the implementation of the Devon Carbon Plan (as far as we can infer its ultimate form from the Draft Interim Plan), do members of the Cabinet feel it will be a positive step to support this motion, and are there any obstacles to such support?"

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR CROAD

This Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Jacqi Hodgson on the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill was introduced at the Council meeting on 18 February 2021 and referred to Cabinet for consideration at this 10 March 2021 meeting. Having taken account of a factual report providing relevant background information (available as part of the published agenda and accompanying reports), Cabinet will reach a view on the motion, which it will recommend to the Full Council when it meets next on 29th April 2021. The proposed response is for Cabinet to recommend that Council endorse the Notice of Motion and encourage local MPs to support the Bill and a number of other actions. However, it is a matter for Council to determine the final position.