Item: E1

Rossendale BOROUGH COUNCIL

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11.1 OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The following Motion to be submitted to Full Council on the date indicated below:-

Council notes:

That the impacts of climate change are already having a significant effect on Rossendale.

The "Special Report on Global Warning of 1.5 degrees", published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, not only describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise but also confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and local government, and the private sector.

We all have a duty to act on climate change and by having a strong policy to cut emissions, this also has associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.

Council therefore commits to:

- Declaring a 'climate emergency' that requires urgent action
- Working towards making the council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030
- Setting a 100% clean energy target, across the Council's full range of functions by 2030
- Proactively promoting the need for businesses across Rossendale to take steps to be net-zero carbon by 2030
- Writing to government asking them to bring forward new funding and devolved powers to help make the zero-carbon target a reality
- Creating a new Climate Change Member Champion who will support the relevant Portfolio Holder and Leader of the Council in delivery of the commitments
- Where necessary officer reports to Cabinet and Full Council contain impact assessments on Climate Change, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce carbon emissions where possible
- Assigning a lead officer to deliver the Council's commitments

Date of Council Meeting:-	25 th September 2019
Notice submitted from	
Councillor Steve Hughes	Date: 28 th August 2019
Councillor Janice Johnson	Date: 28 th August 2019
Notice received and validated by the S151 Officer: Phil Seddon	
Comments: The Council should give due consideration to	Date: 5 th September 2019
this motion as part of its annual budget approval process.	
Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Clare Birtwistle	
Comments: No additional comments.	Date: 11 th September 2019
Notice received on behalf of the Head of the Paid Service and entered in the book open to Public	
Inspection	
Received by: Stuart Sugarman	Date: 2 nd September 2019