

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11.1 OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

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

This Council recognises that:

- The corporate plan commits us to playing a 'positive local role leading by example' in making changes that can mitigate climate catastrophe and help preserve the vitality of our planet for future generations.
- Increasing awareness of the environmental impact of dietary choices can allow individuals to make more informed and sustainable choices and that, as leaders in the Borough, we have an important role to play in modelling these choices.
- Our farmers make huge contributions to the local economy and its rural communities and that there is a need for farmers to be appropriately supported to deal with the challenges of farming in an increasingly unstable climate.

This Council Notes:

That the food system accounts for a third of all greenhouse gas emissions [1].

The broad agreement across expert bodies, including the Climate Change Commission [2] and EAT-Lancet Commission [3], that the UK must reduce consumption of meat and dairy in order to achieve its climate goals.

The Government commissioned National Food Strategy, which recommends that food provided in the public sector should be plant based by default.

This Council resolves to:

Ensure that food provided at all council catered events and meetings is predominantly plant-based, in line with the recommendations above, using ingredients sourced from local growers and suppliers as far as is practical.

Reach out to community groups to actively influence and inform on climate change, food choice, and the positive impact they can have on the environment, their health, and animal welfare through their food choices.

Inspire, promote and support initiatives surrounding climate change and in particular food growing, preparation and waste avoidance, especially as part of community projects.

[1] Crippa, M., et al. (2021), "Food systems are responsible for a third of global anthropogenic emissions," *Nature Food* 2, 198-209.
 [2] <https://www.theccc.org.uk/2022/06/13/governments-food-strategy-a-missed-opportunity-for-the-climate/>
 [3] <https://eatforum.org/eat-lancet-commission/the-planetary-health-diet-and-you/>

Date of Council Meeting:-	16 th July 2025
Notice submitted from	
Councillor Julie Adshead	Date: 27 th June 2025
Councillor Bob Bauld	Date: 27 th June 2025
Notice received and validated by S151 Officer: Chris Warren	
Comments: Any financial impacts would be addressed via the Council revenue budget. If activity remains as in recent years the impact is unlikely to be material.	Date: 30 th June 2025
Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Clare Birtwistle	
Comments: There are no legal issues arising from the motion.	Date: 30 th June 2025
Notice received on behalf of the Head of the Paid Service and entered in the book open to Public Inspection	
Received by: Rob Huntington	Date: 30 th June 2025