

Motion –

by Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen

To be presented on Thursday, 8th October 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Motion:-

“That this Honourable Court declares a Climate Emergency with immediate effect, in light of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which outlined the need for immediate action if global temperatures are to be kept within 1.5 degrees of pre-industrial levels; and in line with hundreds of District, County, Unitary & Metropolitan Councils that have already declared a Climate Emergency.

That this Honourable Court agree the following commitments to support this declaration:

1. Climate change is an existential threat, our highest corporate risk and will be prioritised accordingly.
2. The amount of funding agreed in the Climate Action Strategy will be regarded as a minimum starting point.
3. This funding will be protected, regardless of changes in funding sources.
4. A clear roadmap to achieving the 2027 and 2040 net-zero targets for the Corporation and its whole value chain will be set out urgently, including interim target dates.
5. Regular assessment will be made of our capacity to increase funding so as to reach the net-zero targets as soon as possible.
6. Lord Lisvane’s recommendation that a “green impact assessment” should accompany every policy or project proposal submitted to a committee, will be implemented immediately. The Court must not wait for the full implementation of the Climate Action Strategy in April 2021.
7. A Biodiversity Action Plan (to replace the Biodiversity Action Plan 2016-2020) will be implemented by April 2021, alongside the Climate Action Strategy.
8. Meaningful consultation will take place with a wide range of City residents, workers and students, alongside engagement with wider communities, particularly young people.
9. If there is evidence for a projected increase in global temperatures of more than 2 degrees, we will revisit and increase our investment in climate resilience before 2030 to enable us to prepare for the worst-case scenario.

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-

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