

Uttlesford District Council

Full Council meeting 17 December 2024

Member Motion on the Climate & Nature Bill

To be proposed by Councillor Fiddy:

Uttlesford District Council notes that:

- I. The Climate and Nature Bill is being taken forward as a Private Member's Bill by Dr Roz Savage MP. It will have its second reading on the 24th January 2025. The Bill is backed by 188 cross-party MPs and Peers. It also has the backing of 900 NGOs, businesses and charities; 1,200 expert scientists, including Nobel laureates; alongside mayors and local councils across the four nations.
- II. The CAN Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new, integrated and whole-of-government climate and environmental strategy, which would include:
 1. Delivering a joined-up strategy, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together;
 2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are cut in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
 3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
 4. Taking responsibility for our overseas emissions and ecological footprints;
 5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
 6. Providing re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel and environmentally-impactful industries; and
 7. Giving the UK public a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative 'Climate and Nature Assembly', as part of building consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

Uttlesford District Council therefore is RESOLVED to demonstrate its support for the Climate and Nature Bill by way of:

- I. Writing to Kemi Badenoch MP, Chris Vince MP, and James Cleverly MP to inform them that this motion has been passed, and urge them to attend the second reading of the CAN bill on the 25th January 2025, and to vote in support of it; and

- II. Writing to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CAN Bill, expressing Uttlesford District Council's support (councils@zerohour.uk).