

NOTICE OF MOTION
GREEN GROUP
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

This Council resolves:

“To request a statement from the Prime Minister, on the Government’s performance on environment and climate policy against their goals, and how resilience to a changing climate and future resource shortages are being addressed by Government.”

Proposed by: Councillor Sykes Seconded by: Councillor Jones

Supported by: Councillors Buckley, Bowden, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Hawtree, Jarrett, Kennedy, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Phillips, Powell, Randall, Rufus, Shanks, Wakefield and West.

Supporting Information:

This Council notes the broad dismantling of government capacity in environmental policy and regulation. This is a matter of general concern and of particular interest to the city of Brighton and Hove which faces environmental challenges including land use, water supply, waste management, air quality, fuel poverty and flooding.

These include changes in policies such as Carbon Capture and Storage, levies on passenger flights, building of new runway capacity for London and compliance with European Air Quality standards, and weak implementation in home energy efficiency, small-scale renewables, waste policy, the Green Investment Bank, electricity market reform and emission performance standards for power stations under the Energy Bill.

Sectors that both provide essential protection for people and the environment and promote a green growth agenda have seen reductions. These include cuts in funding for bodies such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, the Forestry Commission and the Waste and Resources Action Programme, and the scrapping of the Sustainable Development Commission and the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.