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THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 16 ON THE AGENDA

Motion to Clackmannanshire Council Meeting 19th August 2021

Council agrees that climate change is one of the most serious challenges facing communities here in Clackmannanshire and across the world; understands that meaningful action at international, national and local level is required in order to safeguard our planet for future generations; recognises that as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, we have a chance to rebuild in a way that delivers a greener, fairer and more equal society; acknowledges the challenges faced by small councils such as Clackmannanshire in taking meaningful, sustainable action; notes the work already underway to deliver this through the City Deal and our ambitious Be the Future Programme, and in recognition that we have a role to play, council further agrees to:

- Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action:
- Develop a comprehensive Climate Change Strategy within the next 12 months which will deliver a framework to ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045;
- Establish a Community Climate Change Forum to include representation from local communities, businesses and third sector organisations;
- Ensure that Council is especially proactive in taking steps to include young people in the 'Climate Emergency' process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future.
- Write to the Cabinet Secretary to affirm Clackmannanshire's commitment to achieve net zero by 2045 and to request a meeting to discuss how the Scottish Government can help support these ambitions.

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