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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL, SURREY

In July, Godalming Town Council unanimously passed a resolution acknowledging its commitment to support the climate emergency and bio-diversity motion.

In recognising the climate emergency, the council resolved to work to reduce carbon emissions and become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 with an earlier target for carbon neutrality by 2025. The council agreed to audit its carbon emissions to enable it to monitor progress and also to create a budget to provide grants to support and encourage carbon reduction and mitigation schemes within Godalming and projects to encourage our community to reduce direct CO2 emissions and to conserve and enhance the bio-diversity of our town.

The Mayor of Godalming, Councillor Penny Rivers, said “We recognise that there is a climate emergency which means we have to take action. I’m pleased that Godalming Town Council is leading the way locally. But we all need to change our life-styles radically - we need to live more simply so that our home planet may simply live.”

In supporting the motion, Members agreed on an action plan to ensure that the Council transfers to green energy providers, reduces its reliance on gas heating, has carbon offsetting arrangements in place and will ensure that its vehicles are electric powered by 2030. The Council’s action plan aims to achieve carbon neutral status without incurring extra operating costs or financial penalties.

Has your council done something similar? If so, please contact NALC through the email address: Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk

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