

Report of Manging Director

Motions

- Motion from Councillors Emerson and Scarborough to consider the appointment of a climate emergency champion;
- Motion from Councillors Francis and Scarborough to consider the adoption of a parental leave policy for councillors.

MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

This Council declares a Climate Emergency. We will appoint a Climate Emergency Champion and set up a cross party group to take action. We will aim to use our influence for appropriate action, quick wins, and put in place an ethos that the Council does nothing to damage the planet further. We will support projects that progressively reduce carbon dioxide release into the atmosphere to ultimately achieve negative carbon. We will work to improve the Borough's air quality.



Proposed: Councillor Brian Emerson



Seconded: Councillor Andrew Scarborough

MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

This Council notes that:

- (1) Analysis of the 2018 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that only 34% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2017;**
- (2) As of summer 2017, only 4% of councils in England and Wales has parental leave policies;**
- (3) The role of councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;**
- (4) Parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.**

This Council resolves:

- (1) To adopt the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting;**
- (2) To ensure that Councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate;**



Proposed: Councillor Elayne Francis



Seconded: Councillor Andrew Scarborough