

Motion to Full Council.

Rescinding the Climate Emergency Declaration

Proposer: Cllr Jonathan Gullis

Seconder: Cllr Martyn Ashworth

This Council notes that on the 3rd April 2019 the then Conservative led Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council declared a climate emergency and adopted the aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 through “Net Zero Newcastle 2030”.

This Council believes that taxpayers’ money should be directed first and foremost to statutory duties and residents’ priorities, including cleaner streets, tackling litter and fly-tipping, improving recycling and waste services, protecting parks and green spaces, supporting town centres and delivering core statutory services efficiently.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Rescind the 2019 climate emergency declaration.
2. End the Council’s commitment to “Net Zero Newcastle 2030” and remove the 2030 carbon-neutral target from Council policy.
3. Instruct officers to review all related strategies, delivery plans, spending and communications, and bring forward any necessary changes.
4. Reaffirm the Council’s commitment to practical local environmental action, including tackling litter and fly-tipping, improving recycling, protecting parks and green spaces, and reducing costs to taxpayers where possible.