

**Motion Referred from 28 November 2018 Council –
Submitted to Council by Councillor P.E. Woodhead**

“This Council notes:

- The Government announcement in July 2018 that Councils could set their own energy efficiency standards for new buildings beyond those set in Part L of the Building Regulations.
- The report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change highlighting that we only have around 12 years to take serious action to reduce emissions to avoid massive damage to the global environment.

This Council believes:

- At every level of government, urgent steps need to be taken to rapidly reduce carbon emissions, whether produced directly or indirectly.
- That we must take urgent action to improve the energy efficiency standards in new buildings to reduce carbon emissions, save energy and keep money that would go to energy companies circulating in our local economy.
- That improving energy efficiency in new buildings is just one part of a strategy to reduce emissions in our area but is an important step to take that should be part of a wider strategy.

This Council resolves:

- Establish a Working Group, to run for a full year, with a remit to seek advice from experts; to consider systematically each area of the Council’s activities; to make recommendations and propose challenging targets including a carbon budget to be presented each year alongside the financial budget.
- Require all report risk assessments to include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible.
- Task a Head of Service officer with responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council’s activities.
- To produce Supplementary Planning Guidance at the earliest opportunity calling for higher energy efficiency standards compliant with the internationally recognised Passivhaus Zero Carbon Standard.”