

This Council notes that:

1. Climate change predictions show that without severe cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, the world will be hit by drought, flooding and famine affecting all of us and poorest countries in particular. Some of these countries are already suffering from the effects of climate change. This is an issue of social justice as well as a call to take environmental action.
2. Under the UK Climate Change Act 2008 the UK is due to cut its carbon emissions by 34% by 2020, but according to climate change scientists, a cut of 10% in 2010 is in line with what is now needed to avert runaway climate change.
3. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which meets in Copenhagen in December of this year, may be the world's last chance to negotiate a deal that will avert the worst consequences of climate change.
4. To ensure a breakthrough at the critical Copenhagen conference government ministers need to know that the public support more dramatic cuts in emissions than have hitherto been proposed.
5. Many councils are among those who have signed up to the "10:10 Campaign" which seeks to persuade individuals, businesses, organisations and the UK government to reduce their CO2 emissions by 10% in 2010.

This Council supports the aims and ambitions of the 10:10 Campaign. This Council therefore resolves to sign up for the 10:10 Campaign and pledge to reduce its CO2 emissions by 10% in 2010.

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