

Agenda Item 10g

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

10 MARCH 2005

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONTRACTION & CONVERGENCE

"This Council notes:

The Government's recent announcements recognising the serious threat posed to all life on this planet by climate change as a result of increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

That despite last month's enactment of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, scientific consensus now agrees that greater global reductions in carbon emission are urgent and vital.

Early Day Motion 538 has been tabled in the House of Commons, recognising the need for a new global policy to tackle climate change beyond Kyoto.

EDM 538 advocates a policy of contraction and convergence, where all nations seek to reduce their levels of greenhouse gas emissions, and converge emissions levels towards a point where all citizens of the world are entitled to emit equal amounts of pollutants.

That continued and increasing extreme weather events promoted by Climate Change will cause significant harm to the city and its inhabitants. Being a coastal community we are particularly vulnerable to increases in sea level.

In furtherance of this Council's duty to care for the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the city, we therefore resolve:

1. To instruct the Chief Executive to request the support of the city's Members of Parliament for this Early Day Motion, and to report back on progress in this regard.
2. For this Council to pursue urgent consideration of how city carbon emissions may be reduced."

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Councillor Georgia Wrighton

Councillor Sue Paskins