

Dear Anthony,

I and the Councillor colleagues named below hereby 'Call in' the Havering Climate Change Action Plan approved at the Cabinet Meeting on the 10th November. The Call in relates to the Cabinet Report and all of the Action Plans and references to Report include the annexed Action Plans.

The reason for the 'Call in' are as follows:-

- 1) The Report fails adequately to emphasise the climate change emergency facing the Borough and its residents bearing in mind evidence from across the world and locally including, for example, the increased incidents of flooding in Havering;
- 2) The Report fails to provide any estimate of the costs of implementing each Action Plan and how the substantial funding needed will be obtained and from whom;
- 3) The Report fails to set out the priority list of actions and when each of the actions is to be completed;
- 4) The Report failed to set out how contributions to carbon offset will be applied;
- 5) The Report fails to set out how the Action Plans will be achieved with far less staff and how it intends to recruit the two specialist climate change officers;
- 6) The Report fails to set out how the Council will ensure greening of the Borough whilst taking up more land for housing;
- 7) The Report fails to set out how residents will be encouraged to participate in the journey to reach carbon neutral by 2040 and how objections to the costs involved will be overcome;
- 8) The Report fails to set out how the Council will achieve its target when it has failed to deal with current issues such as regular flooding in the Borough;
- 9) The Report fails to set out what in depth information will be provided to members to monitor progress;
- 10) The Report fails to set out how the Council will persuade residents and private businesses to change habits to reduce carbon emissions;
- 11) The Report fails to set out how given the substantial cuts in the budget going forward will the additional costs in dealing with climate change will be absorbed.
- 12) The references to community engagement in the Report are inadequate and should be bolder with consideration given to forming a Havering Climate Change Commission to involve business, public and third sector participation to feed into the democratic processes and wider community awareness of the implications of climate change.

Councillor Keith Darvill
Councillor Ray Morgon
Councillor Paul McGeary
Councillor Graham Williamson
Councillor Carol Beth
Councillor Linda Van den Hende