

Agenda item 13 – Motions

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**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 23 November 2022**

**Agenda item 13b: Proposed Amendments to Motion received by the  
Monitoring Officer prior to 12 noon today**

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~~Strikethrough text~~ = proposed deletions

## **13. Motions**

### **13b. Climate and Ecology Bill (Amended Substantive Motion)**

Following the acceptance of one of the amendments proposed by the Labour Group, the proposer and seconder amend their motion as follows:

#### **Hackney Council notes:**

- That in June 2019, Hackney Council declared a climate emergency and committed to become a net zero carbon borough by 2040 and is developing a climate action plan to achieve this.

#### **Hackney Council also notes:**

- The work of Hackney Council to reduce carbon emissions, reverse biodiversity decline and tackle toxic air pollution, such as switching its energy supply to 100% renewable sources, establishing Hackney Light and Power, a Community Energy Fund, supporting walking cycling and public transport, increasing the recycling rate in the borough by 11%, and planting 5,000 new street trees.
- That in 2022, Hackney has again been a Healthy Streets Scorecard leader with 70% of suitable streets covered by a Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN), the top score, and School Street schemes at 45% of all schools covered, the highest total number
- That there is a Bill before Parliament - the Climate and Ecology Bill - according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels
- That less than 5% of Hackney's carbon emissions are from the Council's corporate operations and buildings
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**Hackney Council further notes:**

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**Therefore, Hackney Council resolves to:**

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**Further, Hackney Council pledges to:**

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- Write to the Secretary of State for Education to ask for their support for a Nature Premium to guarantee regular time in nature for all children and young

people, with additional funding and support to level up those with the least access to nature as advocated for by the Institute for Outdoor Learning.

**Proposer:** Cllr. Alastair Binnie-Lubbock

**Seconded:** Cllr. Zoë Garbett

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**Proposer:** Cllr. Gilbert Smyth

**Seconded:** Cllr. Richard Lufkin

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