Climate Emergency: How is Your Council Responding

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Council Energy Policy: Corporate Plans

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Introduction

- climate emergency motions are a trend
- Affects a range of Local Government services
- A full organisational response is required
- Leadership at local level essential





Local Authority Climate Emergency Declarations

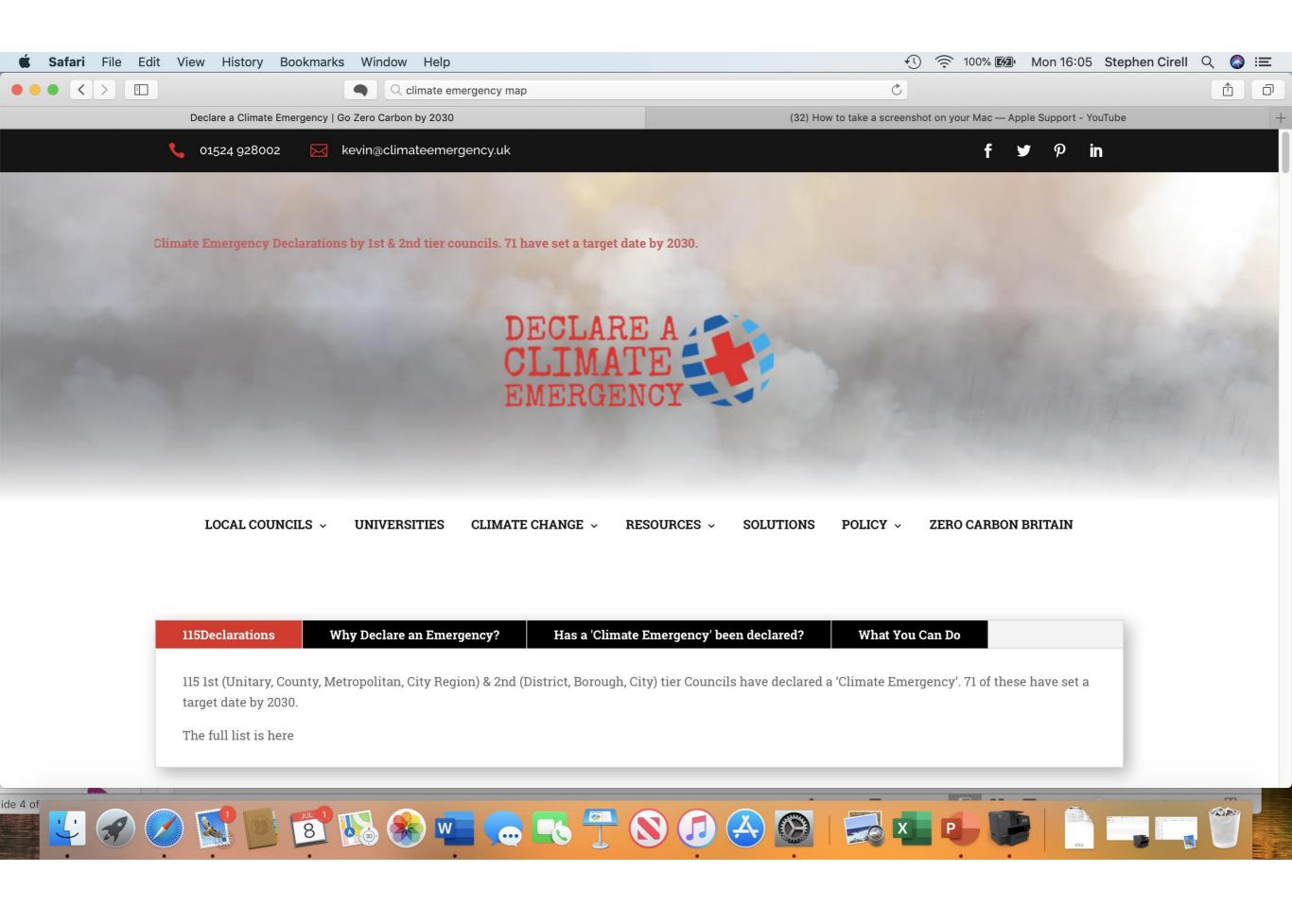
Strategic and practical considerations for climate emergency declarations, targets and action plans



Definitions

- What is a climate emergency?
- What do LA motions entail?
- What is net zero carbon?
- Growing public support





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London Borough of Islington

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Motion passed! Islington Council has tonight declared a climate emergency and pledged to work towards making #Islington net zero carbon by 2030. Full motion here: https://t.co/PHU45GdmNZ pic.twitter.com/uLyvEr9FqH- Islington Council (@IslingtonBC) June 27, 2019...



Blackpool

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Congratulations @BpoolCouncil for declaring a #ClimateEmergency, for banning #fracking on their land and for committing the authority to zero carbon emissions by 2030! It's time for @fyldecouncil to do the same! https://t.co/a3ioDHTA3J - Harry Fenton (@HarryFenton16)... POLICY ~ ZERO CARBON BRITAIN



Warwick

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MOTION TO DECLARE CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUCCEEDS!Today the Labour group proposed a #ClimateEmergency motion and through cross party cooperation it passed! Warwick District Council has declared a #ClimateEmergency! @leamcourier @leamobs @TheSimonGilbert...



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CLIMATE CHANGE — THE FACTS

Taking Action

- We have declared a climate emergency what next?
- The need for a clear action plan for the next 12 years
- Care in the preparation of the action plan
- Phasing operations over time it's a marathon, not a sprint



Meeting an Authority Only Target

- This is where the Council has declared it will reach net zero carbon by a specified date
- The Council's functions will need to be reviewed
- The DNA of the Council amended
- It will need to become part of the day job



Meeting an Authority Only Target

- The Council's own strategies climate change, sustainability, renewable energy etc
- Chart progress and make changes
- Bring forward energy use schemes
- Bring forwards energy efficiency schemes
- Bring forwards renewable energy schemes



Key Areas

- Renewable energy
- Buildings and heating
- Electric vehicles
- EV charging infrastructure













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Meeting a Community Wide Target

- This is much harder
- Working with others
- Do we know what the carbon footprint for the area is?
- Putting together a consortia of partners



Conclusions

- Local authorities have a pivotal role to play in this space
- As community leaders, they can show the Government the way forwards
- The key is to have a clear action plan
- Climate emergency motions should be the catalyst for faster change



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