

Climate Emergency Action Plan

Health and Wellbeing Board
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Climate Emergency

- State of the UK climate report 2017 – warming climate, rising sea levels and increased weather variability/extremes all expected to continue in the future; necessitates a state of “climate emergency”
- IPCC Special Report on Global Warming (2018) recommends 12 years to make drastic action against climate change
- Government target date of 2050 for Britain to produce “net zero emissions”
- RMBC recent reductions of carbon emissions by 3% per year (fifth greatest reductions over the past decade)
- Pressure is mounting to take further action within the context of central government targets, increased direct action (and other forms of participation) from citizens, and the real effects of climate change (e.g. recent floods)



Rotherham climate emergency motion

The council declared a climate emergency in October 2019 and resolved to:

- propose an informed target for the Council's carbon reduction by 2025
- develop a "Carbon Action Plan" towards these goals
- promote the strategy and engage with community, public and business
- lobby government for additional resources to support this strategy
- produce an annual Rotherham Climate Emergency progress report
- Enlist support from partner organisations across Rotherham
- Require all future cabinet reports to include climate change Impact assessments.

