

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

**7 January 2020**

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**Statement and Question from Adrian Temple Brown**

**Agenda Item 5 – Public Participation**

**To Councillor Richard Clewer – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Housing, Climate Change and Military-Civilian Integration**

**Statement**

Good Morning Councillors,

I hope you had a good Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. I found it quite a difficult Christmas this year, there was plenty in the media and on the news about the climate crisis. I hope that a lot of you watched some of that on the television and had time to reflect and maybe even reached for your PCs to do a little research, as I requested at the last cabinet meeting I came to.

**Question**

I would like to know if each member of this cabinet accepts the climate crisis science as endorsed by 11,000 scientists in November 2019 and understands the link between the exponential rise in global atmospheric CO2 levels and the exponential rise in global average temperature?

**Response**

At its meeting held on 26 February 2019 full Council acknowledged the climate emergency and resolved to seek to make the county of Wiltshire carbon neutral by 2030. Cabinet collectively has confirmed its commitment to supporting the motion and has subsequently resolved to make Wiltshire Council carbon neutral by 2030. Decisions made to date and work reported to full Council by Cabinet demonstrate this commitment. As explained by the leader of the council at the Cabinet meeting held on 7 January 2020, Cabinet members collectively agree on any decisions to be made, based on all relevant information available to them at that time.