

COUNTY COUNCIL

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Item no. 13 from February's minutes, list number 2. adopt a target of 60% carbon neutral by 2030, this will not be good enough to slow greenhouse gases to keep below 1.5°C or 2°C warming, there will be an overshoot to 3°C or more; consult Climate Action Tracker. The world's climate policies are not on track to meet the targets.

<https://climateactiontracker.org/global/temperatures/>

Will the Council consider this?

RESPONSE

Thank you for your question. As agreed at County Council in February, we are committed to identifying actions to be fully carbon neutral by 2050 and are taking a pragmatic approach to achieving this.

The Council is already performing well, with a range of low carbon interventions which include solar panels on 32 Council buildings and energy efficiency adaptations across all our building stock. For the wider County we also support a programme of home energy efficiency measures including boiler replacements, loft and cavity wall insulation.

We are committed to report progress to full Council in six months to describe how the 60% target will be achieved. It is at this point, based on evidence before us, we can review progress including our future ambitions.