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Our Ref: Notice of Motion

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Dear Sir / Madam,

At the Council meeting in November Chorley Council agreed a Notice of Motion recognising the scale and urgency of the global challenge from climate change, as documented by the latest Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and declared a climate emergency.

As part of this I agreed to write to yourselves calling for the creation, provision or devolution of powers and resources to make achievement of the target and make Chorley carbon neutral by 2030 possible.

Yours sincerely



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DRAFT LETTER – SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Dear Sir / Madam,

In the most recently published IPCC report it concluded that climate change is unequivocally due to human activities. The effects of climate change are already evidently clear throughout the UK, with specific climate related effects occurring within the Chorley Borough.

The extreme flooding within the borough, has become more frequent and dangerous impacting residents' homes and livelihoods throughout the borough, with the Croston Flood Defenses having already costed the government £7.5 million. Chorley Borough has the largest percentage of ancient woodland in Lancashire with a high biodiversity, extreme heat threatens these sites which require specialist maintenance. Agriculture within Chorley accounts for 40% of land use, with extreme temperature and changes is pesticide and herbicide legislation, specific support and guidance is required for our Farmers.

Chorley Borough has specific requirements to ensure the mitigation and adaptation. Chorley Council, like many Councils, has set itself the goal to be net zero by 2030, this is 20 years ahead of the governments 2050 net zero goal.

This Council is again calling for the creation, provision or devolution of powers and resources to make achievement of the target to make Chorley carbon neutral by 2030 possible. As well as the increase in specific funds for climate change mitigation in order for Council's to make significant changes.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Following the publishing of the governments Net Zero Strategy and Lancashire's County Councils Greater Lancashire Action Plan, it is clear a primary focus of work is the shift to the electric supplying renewables and electric powered vehicles.

The charging of electric vehicles and heating systems such as air/ground source heat pumps require large amounts of electricity during peak and off-peak times. The capacity and cable capacity of the National Grid was not originally designed for such high usages within households. Within more rural boroughs such as Chorley, residents have concerns that the demand capacity will not be met.

This is a call to ensure that sufficient funding is made available to increase electrical capacity and to ensure that capacity of the grid to households is focused on rural areas of the north, such as Chorley.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

The government's announcement to ban the selling of new diesel and petrol cars by 2030, displays the governments clear goal to move to electric and potential hydrogen vehicles. Many UK businesses, manufactures, and local Councils have embraced the shift expending large sums of money to aid in this transition.

Charging points are expected to be installed along pavements, in carparks, in homes and workplaces. A significant increase in electrical demand is anticipated, with residents charging their cars. Whilst the national grid has stated that there is sufficient energy in the system, projections show this capacity will be exceeded in evenings when most drivers are expected to charge their vehicles.

This is a request to ensure that sufficient funding is made available to power operators and the national grid to ensure that electrical supply and capacity it sufficient UK wide. Special consideration should be taken for electrical supply to rural areas of the North West of England, especially Chorley.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Sustainable Warmth Strategy published in February 2021 requires an increase in the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for private rented homes to EPC Band C by 2030 where affordable, practical and cost effective.

This improvement in energy efficiency will be beneficial to many residents within Chorley. Whilst the Local Authority Delivery of the Green Homes Grants allows Chorley Council to support the delivery of the energy efficiency improvements, the enforcement of these improvements is not sufficient.

This is a call to devolve further powers to local authorities to ensure private landlords and social housing providers are meeting the new energy efficiency standards which can be managed and monitored at a local level.

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

The new Levelling Up White Paper which was published in February 2022 details the governments goal for local public transport connectivity across the country to be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improvements to services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.

The lack of detailing relating to this transport improvement has been noted by numerous Councils. Chorley borough is classified as a semi-rural area, with public transport connections between towns and villages being limited and far between.

Residents within the borough continually request improvements and major investment to bus and train services, walking and cycling paths and increased frequency of public transport routes.

This is a request for greater detail to be provided regarding the local public transport connectivity of the Levelling Up Scheme and to ensure that particular consideration has been considered regarding more rural areas, especially within Lancashire which have not been specifically noted.

Yours sincerely