

**In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12, Councillor A Wheelton will move the following motion:**

This Council formally declares an ecological emergency in response to the ongoing threat to wildlife and ecosystems.

The declaration recognises the essential role that nature plays and provides a statement of intent, to enhance and restore our natural landscape, local wildlife, rivers, streams, water resources, habitats and trees and resist the destruction of such habitats through a considered and sustainable local planning policy.

This motion will see the council add ecological considerations, together with any implications, alongside those for climate, sustainability, and nature recovery in our new corporate plan as strategic priorities embedded within all areas of council engagement.

The Council will continue to collaborate with our communities, businesses and other organisations, existing networks, and partnerships to improve ecological literacy, encourage greater biodiversity, increase local sustainable food production in order to protect food security, tree planting and management.