

BFPC Climate Emergency Report, March 2021.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

This is a Private Members Bill that has passed its first reading in the House of Commons. The long title is:

“A Bill to require the Prime Minister to achieve climate and ecology objectives; to give the Secretary of State a duty to create and implement a strategy to achieve those objectives; to establish a Citizens’ Assembly to work with the Secretary of State in creating that strategy; to give duties to the Committee on Climate Change regarding the objectives and strategy; and for connected purposes.”

See the link below for its official standing in the UK Parliament.

[Climate and Ecology Bill - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament](#)

It had cross-party support at its first reading. The second reading is scheduled for some time later this year.

The Bill was created by a panel of experts (see details in the link below) and is being supported by the CEE Bill Alliance which includes 101 MP’s and 80 national businesses and organizations, including the Co-operative Bank, the Body Shop and Ecotricity.

[The CEE Bill - Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill](#)

On Friday 12th March 2021 Devon County Council Cabinet voted unanimously to recommend that full council pass a motion to support the CEE Bill.

Given that BFPC declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, I believe that it should support all possible legislative initiatives to tackle the Emergency. I would therefore like to propose the following two motions:

- 1. BFPC declares its support for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill*
- 2. BFPC urges its MP, Hon. Sheryll Murray, to lend her support to the Bill in subsequent readings in Parliament and will write to her to this effect.*

Cllr Malcolm Fletcher.