



At the Climate Strike on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, Scott Farmer announced that the councillors will be discussing whether to declare a climate and ecological emergency on the 3rd October at their public discussion at 10am.

If you are so inclined, please do write to your councillors about their meeting this week where, hopefully, they will declare a climate emergency.

This is a time to hold them accountable for the future of their constituents.

If you want to write to them as well, go to <https://www.writetothem.com/> and put in your post code - it will generate the start of a letter to your local councillors, then you can use these words or your own. Here's what we have written:

*I understand you will be looking at declaring a Climate Emergency at your meeting this week. I am very pleased to hear this and I hope that you will be able to agree that Stirling Council declaring a climate emergency is an important first step to ensuring Stirling prepares to cope with the impacts of climate change as well as continuing efforts by both the council and the many tireless community groups working to mitigate escalating climate chaos.*

*Thank you for your attention to this.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Or:

*Dear Councillor,*

*I write in advance of your debate this Thursday 3rd October on the motion to declare a Climate Emergency. You might be already familiar with the science set out in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) report, which outlines the importance of limiting warming by cutting greenhouse gas emissions.*

*Aside from the overall moral reasons behind taking urgent action to address our climate crisis, there are also solid local reasons too. Many councils have already formally declared an emergency to protect their own ability to deliver on vital services in the future (as has the Scottish and UK government, and many other international governments). These include at least 10 Scottish Councils including rural ones like Highland Council and urban ones like Glasgow City Council. Both have set up specific cross party climate change panels to ensure this is accounted for across all services.*

*For example, Highland Council have recognised that their biggest priorities relate to reducing reliance on fossil fuel (75% of the emissions are from energy consumption), and protecting communities. You can find out more on their website. For Glasgow, their community engagement approach, which has led to dozens of specific actions, is considered by other local authorities to be an example of a great way to approach the situation. You can find out more about this here: <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=94239>*

*Stirling has for example the opportunity to take action on divesting pension funds from fossil fuels. This is an opportunity to contribute to a brighter future and put money back into local economies, ensuring Scotland's future is fossil free. For example The University of Stirling has become the 9th organisation in Scotland to commit to ending investment in fossil fuel companies.*

*Finally, Stirling and its extensive council area has also a great opportunity to restore freshwater environments and rivers to protect our communities from the global warming consequences. We*



*will face increasing numbers of floods, from surface water runoff during heavy bursts of rainfall, from rivers bursting their banks and from rising sea levels. River restoration can also reduce the clean up costs to councils in the future, as well as prevent extreme flood damages and making funds more available in the long term.*

*These are just a small number of examples. There are vast number of ways in which councils can help both avoid increasing the effects of climate change/biodiversity loss etc., and mitigate against the impacts. I hope that this information will assist you in coming to a decision about whether to pass the Climate Emergency motion, and in any subsequent planning. I look forward to a Stirling where everyone can thrive, both now and in the generations to come.*

*With best regards,*

Alternatively, below a list of councillors in Stirlingshire that may represent you, feel free to ask them whether they will be voting for this motion. You could ask them what their take on this climate crisis is? How much have they looked into it? What are they planning on doing about it?

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