

OFFICERS' REPORT**6.1 FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY**

Submitting Councillor: Dr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign

BACKGROUND

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is an international campaign by governments and scientists to call for the phase out fossil fuels and support a suitable transition process. It was launched on the eve of Earth Day 2021.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This initiative aligns with the Council Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-26 (ESS), Priority 3: Climate Change and Council's commitment to go carbon neutral.

Through the new Electricity Contract Council is already reducing its reliance on fossil fuels, and its corporate greenhouse gas emissions by 60%.

This signing is similar to the signing of the Statement of Mayors led by Cities Power Partnership, which asked that tackling climate change action needs to be a top priority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The key request in this Motion is to sign the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. This would have no additional cost implication to Council.

Council is already committed to being carbon neutral by 2025 through the use of renewables and reducing its use of fossil fuels in Council buildings and vehicles. The endorsement of this Treaty will not have any major effect on Council's existing commitment.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

There would be no additional impacts on internal resources by signing the treaty.