

Liberal Democrat motion on sustainable living 21 March 2014

This Council notes that:

One planet living is a vision of a sustainable world in which people everywhere can enjoy a high quality of life within the productive capacity of the planet.

If everyone in the world lived as we do in the UK we would need three planets to support us.

We need to reduce our impact - our Ecological Footprint - by two thirds to a sustainable and globally fair level.

This Council recognises that:

A local eco-organisation BioRegional has developed, with WWF, a One Planet Living framework to help individuals and organisations live and work within a fair share of our planet's resources.

This framework identifies ten guiding principles covering:

- Zero carbon
- Zero waste
- Sustainable transport
- Sustainable materials
- Local and sustainable food
- Sustainable water
- Land use and wildlife
- Culture and heritage
- Equity and local economy
- Health and happiness

This Council recommends that:

We adopt the principle of One Planet Living in Merton

We invite BioRegional to work with us to develop a One Planet Merton framework

We monitor the work of the Council against those principles

We work with residents, our partners, the business community, and the voluntary and community sector to enable the principles to be rolled out across the borough

This Council requests that:

The Cabinet investigate this opportunity and report back to full Council by the end of 2014 on what progress it has made towards One Planet Living in Merton and annually thereafter.

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