

Notice of Motion received 15 June 2021

That;

Hythe Town Council to go plant-based for the climate.

Background: Moving to plant-based catering for all council functions is another important step in reducing the council's carbon footprint. Plant-based foods have the smallest carbon footprints. Producing meat, fish, eggs, cheese, and milk emits more greenhouse gases than producing their plant-based equivalents. Animal-exploiting industries are also major contributors to rainforest deforestation, other habitat destruction, drought, and water and air pollution. The Committee on Climate Change recommends that people reduce their meat and dairy consumption and encourages the public sector to lead the shift to less carbon-intensive diets. By switching to all plant-based options for all council functions, Hythe Town Council will be reducing its own carbon footprint, taking a leadership and educational role, and adopting a more ethical and compassionate approach in relation to animal welfare. Offering plant-based options should not mean any additional expense to the council and can be done with an emphasis on locally sourced and sustainable choices.

Proposed by Councillor M Whybrow  
Seconded by Councillor P Graham

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Dated 18 June 2021