

---

## Motion from Members' Council - Climate Change

# 12

Our planet is facing a climate emergency and we need to accelerate our actions to address the potential catastrophic effects this will cause to our businesses, our supply chains, our communities and future generations. This AGM recognises that our Co-op has been an active leader in the fight to tackle climate change, last year becoming the first UK retailer to pledge to meet the United Nations' climate target and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. We also recognise that we must do more and this AGM calls on our Co-op to:

- Determine and report to members on the risk exposure of our businesses and supply chains to the effects of climate change;
- Establish and take the necessary actions to reduce or eliminate our emissions to achieve end to end net-zero on greenhouse gas emissions and bring forward our 2050 target as soon as practically possible;
- Engage our members, customers and suppliers to tackle the global environmental challenges we face; and
- Campaign and work with the co-operative movement and support emerging Co-ops to drive greater sustainability across the wider sector.

---

### More information on our motion:

#### Motion 12 - Climate Change

The scientific consensus is clear and indisputable, climate change poses an immediate and growing threat to communities across the world. Not least for our co-operative society, a more volatile climate is already threatening the foods we rely on and the people who produce them.

Last year 99% of members voting in our AGM supported a motion to recognise the climate emergency and accelerate Co-op's leadership on this global issue. We have responded to this, setting rigorous short-term targets to reduce both the direct greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from running our co-operative, and the indirect emissions 'baked in' to the products we sell.

Our targets have been reviewed and approved by the Science-based Targets Initiative (SBTi), a coalition of leading environmental NGOs including WWF, the World Resources Institute and the United Nations Global Compact. This coalition assures that business action to reduce GHG emissions is in line with the scientific guidance to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change.

This year we are happy to announce that we are on track to meet these stretching targets, we are publishing (for the first time) our full and transparent end-to-end GHG footprint, and have committed to co-operate with peers, suppliers and experts to set and publish clear, practical plans to address this emergency.

We welcome this motion to challenge our co-operative to accelerate our efforts

---