

# URGENT ACTION ON THE CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY

## GREEN VISION: What are we aiming for?

Urgent action is needed to avoid large-scale human suffering and the loss of many more species of wildlife. We can only avoid catastrophic climate and ecological breakdown by leaving fossil fuels in the ground and rapidly moving towards net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Worcester residents know that climate change is real because we see the River Severn flood our city more often and more seriously, bringing disruption and suffering. We need to adapt the city not only to more floods but also to increasingly hot summers and more frequent and intense storms. We need action from politicians to help bring the changes that are needed to achieve climate goals- how we travel, heat our buildings, produce food, generate electricity, keep warm, and reduce waste.

## GREEN Priorities: What we will try to do in the next four years

- Continue to reduce the energy use of county buildings, generate renewable energy and support staff and councillors to walk and cycle.
- Ensure that the city is prepared to adapt to the local and global impacts of climate breakdown such as extreme weather, flooding, displacement of people and disruption to supply chains and provide support for residents and businesses.
- Encourage residents to produce less waste, improve recycling rates, bring in food waste and the collection of a wider range of materials.
- Lobby the government to support farmers and landowners with more funding for environmental measures.
- Ensure that caterers offer more local and plant-based food, and push for other local institutions and event organisers to do the same.
- Lobby the government to provide funding for flood defences and recovery for the city.
- Lobby Environment Agency to improve water quality.
- Support the Local Nature Recovery Strategy to take action on the Biodiversity Crisis.



Green Councillors and campaigners highlight the impact of flooding on the city

## GREEN ACTION: What we have done

- We were the first to call for the county council to declare a climate emergency and to set a target date to reach net zero. The council committed itself to reach net zero by 2050, which is far too late.
- Greens supported calls for a biodiversity emergency.