Dear

**Please support the call for more resources and powers for councils to**

**deliver on climate change.**

We are writing to you as a local Climate Action Group made up of local residents who are campaigning locally for fairer more climate friendly communities. We are writing to you to ask you to support a push to get the powers and resources councils need.

Of course, we realise that the Covid-19 pandemic continues to dominate the attention of councils like ours in 2020 and will do for some time yet.

But we know that the clock is ticking and the window of opportunity to stop the worst impacts of climate change is shortening. Thankfully, action to radically reduce carbon emissions can also help covid-19 economic recovery, creating new jobs, supporting the growth of the businesses and industries of the future, and delivering health benefits such as cleaner air and access to green space.

We are sure you would agree that the government’s climate change targets

cannot be met without the full and active participation of local councils.

Councils up and down the country have passed motions declaring a

climate and ecological emergency and many are developing local Climate Action Plans. This is welcome progress but while councils/you can take some actions right now it is also true that councils need more resources and powers to fully deliver.

This is the clear message of a new coalition of council organisations, environment groups (including Friends of the Earth), and others which has been formed to make a concerted push to secure more powers and resources for local authorities to deliver on climate change.

They have produced a blueprint for the changes needed, drawing on inputs from

councillors and council officers gathered through conferences and seminars

organised by the LGA and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy,

Planning and Transport (ADEPT) and other networks.

The blueprint is not intended to be the final word, but rather as a starting point for constructive and meaningful discussion with government.

Please can you sign-up your council to support the call for more powers

and resources so you can fully deliver on climate change in your area.

It is very quick and easy to do so by filling out this form on the [ADEPT website](https://adeptnet.org.uk/news-events/climate-change-hub/show-your-support-five-immediate-priorities-green-recovery). By doing so you will you join the other councils that already have done so

from across the political spectrum.

Thank you