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## **SPECIAL MOTION NO. 8 – CLIMATE CHANGE**

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Wesley Harcourt
- (ii) Councillor Frances Umeh

This Council notes the leading work being done by its Climate Unit to deal with the Climate Emergency beginning with its ambitious Climate and Ecology Strategy that was rated the best in London and in the top ten in the UK. This Council notes the positive steps taken to implement this plan with the assistance of resident climate change commissioner in running the Climate Change Strategy Implementation Group. We note that as this Council moves ahead with its ambitious plans to deal with climate change the Government has announced a U-turn on its own key green targets.

This Council further notes that while it has introduced over 2,500 Electric Vehicle Charge Points in the borough, more than any other borough, the Government has moved in the opposite direction and rowed back on its policy on stopping the production of petrol and diesel vehicles after 2030.

While this Council has developed an Energy Strategy and Energy Efficiency Taskforce to reduce carbon emissions from fossil fuels the Government has given the go ahead for the development new oilfields and coal mines.

This Council notes that while it is developing ways of increasing the energy efficiency of our homes and is introducing heat pumps in the civic campus, the Government has failed to support households transition to heat pumps and away from gas boilers.

This Council aims to support residents improve the energy efficiency their homes with its Fuel Poverty Strategy which will help residents with the cost of living crisis, the Government has decided to scrap energy efficiency targets for landlords.

This Council therefore calls on the Government to adhere to its original green policies and targets and not compromise the country's future to satisfy the growing influence of climate sceptics within the Conservative Party.