

Option	Do not declare a climate emergency	Declare climate emergency (no additional action)	Declare a climate emergency and announce a carbon neutrality target	Declare a climate emergency, announce a carbon neutrality target and announce additional action on climate change
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Resource reallocation not required ✓ BAU programme continues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leadership ✓ Aligns with other councils ✓ Resource reallocation not required ✓ BAU programme continues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leadership and walks the talk ✓ Aligns with other councils ✓ Manages future carbon pricing risks ✓ Wider environmental co-benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leadership and walks the talk ✓ Aligns with other councils ✓ Manages wider climate change risks, including carbon price risk ✓ Wider environmental and organisational co-benefits
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ May impact reputation ✗ Unaligned with other councils ✗ Less focus on re-alignment of resources and prioritisation ✗ Climate change risks may not be managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ May impact reputation ✗ Less focus on re-alignment of resources and prioritisation ✗ Climate change risks may not be managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Wider climate change risks not managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Reallocation/possibly additional resources required ✗ May impact on other programmes
Significance	Low	Low-High	Medium	Medium-High
Promotion of community outcomes	Low	Low-Medium	Medium	High
Impact on capacity to meet present and future needs	Low	Low	Low-medium	Low-High