

## **Model 'Motion for the Ocean' for Inland Local Authorities**

### **This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery.**

The people of Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council benefit from our ocean through the air we breathe, the food we eat, and the way our ocean regulates the climate. We all impact our ocean not only if we visit the coast, but every day through what we put down the drain, the litter and pollution that flows into our rivers, through our seafood and consumer choices, and with the carbon emissions we produce. The Rivers Deerness and Browney are key features of our area and is our direct link to the ocean.

The burden of taking care of our ocean often falls to communities at the coast; but they are at the end of the line, receiving pollution and problems from inland communities like ours, and are on the frontline of the impacts of climate change. We know that many of our citizens are concerned about the future of our ocean.

Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council recognises that we have an essential role to play in recovering the health of our ocean through increasing awareness of how local actions can affect the ocean and by acting as responsible custodians of the rivers, streams and waterways that run through our area on their way to the sea.

This Council pledges to:

1. Work with partners locally to deliver improved water quality and increased sustainability, including local community groups, clubs and other organisations that have a recreational, economic or other interest in its protection and recovery.
2. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council , including:
  - Ensuring all primary school aged children in our Parish area have a first-hand experience of the ocean or Rivers Deerness and Browney
  - Through these actions, embed understanding of the 'source to sea' approach and how all people, wherever they live, impact and are impacted by ocean health.
3. Use the Council website and other communication channels to update on the Rivers Deerness and Browney recovery progress.
4. Recognising that wherever we live we share responsibility for good marine management, we will write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030
  - Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number

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of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.

- By appointing a dedicated Minister for the Coast.
- Stopping plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics.
- Improving the water quality of our rivers, estuarine and coastal waters leading to the ocean to benefit nature and the health and wellbeing of all UK residents, including by stopping the regular pollution of our rivers and seas.
- And by listening to marine and social scientific advice to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
  - ❖ Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
  - ❖ Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
  - ❖ Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
  - ❖ Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.