

Synod endorses plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030

The full motion ([GS 2258](#)), approved by Synod, was:

'That this Synod, having recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following General Synod's motion passed in February 2020 to plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030:

(a) endorse the "Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030" (GS 2258);

(b) request every Diocesan Synod to debate the Routemap as it applies to their structures, parishes and BMOs, and to agree a feasible programme of action towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030;

(c) request high energy users within the Church (every cathedral, TEI, school, office and the top 20% of energy-consuming churches) to similarly draw up a programme of action, with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap;

(d) call on the Environment staff team to report back to Synod on progress against the Routemap in 2025, 2028 and 2031, and for reports on the Church's carbon emissions every year."

The [Press Release](#) concludes with the comment:

"Approved by Synod, the Routemap is not legislative and does not obligate any part of the Church but is the basis of the road to net zero carbon by 2030."

The subsequent Press Release [General Synod welcomes £3.6bn investment in mission and ministry](#), (9 July 2022), states

"Priorities for the spending include £190M to help the Church of England transition to net zero, £20M on work to promote Racial Justice and £400M over the next three years towards achieving the outcomes and priorities that flow from the Church's Vision and Strategy for the 2020s."

However, the linked document of 11 May 2022, "[Highlights of the 2023-25 spending plan](#)" gives further information on the spending, which will be:

"£30M – to initiate a net zero programme (over the next nine years it is anticipated that a total will be £190M".