Gwynedd Council to turn off its lights in support of Earth Hour 2018

Gwynedd Council is preparing to join millions of people, cities, communities and landmarks around the world in supporting the Earth Hour 2018 campaign.

On Saturday, March 24 2018 from 8.3pm the local authority will switch off the lights of its headquarters in Caernarfon for an hour. This will be done as part of a global visual display of commitment to tackle urgent environmental issues and protect our planet.



Here in Wales, around half a million people take part in the event each year. This year, the charity is giving people the opportunity to make a #PromiseForThePlanet to change one thing in their everyday lives that will help protect our planet, and complements our commitment as a Council to reducing our energy consumption and carbon footprint."

Councillor Dafydd Meurig, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: As a Council, we are very proud to support WWF's Earth Hour again this year. This annual event is a world-wide celebration of our planet and

Since implementing its Carbon Management Plan in 2010, Gwynedd Council has succeeded in saving £XXm and XX tonnes of CO2 by introducing measures to reducing the energy consumption of its activities.

Cllr. Meurig added: "We all have a role to play in tackling climate change and, together, we have the ability to improve our planet. We therefore look forward to turning off the lights in our headquarters at 8.30pm on Saturday, March 24 to show our support towards this very worthy cause."

Anne Meikle, Head of WWF Cymru, said: "We're delighted that Gwynedd Council is supporting WWF's Earth Hour again this year. The wildlife we love, from puffins to polar bears, are at risk from the effects of climate change, pollution & over-consumption.

"That's why this year, as well as switching lights off on 24 March, we're asking people to take a small step to reduce their impact on the planet. Everyone - individuals, schools and businesses - can make a Promise For The Planet by visiting WWF's Earth Hour Wales website."

Everyone can take part in WWF's Earth Hour. For more information, to register and to make a promise, please visit wwf.org.uk/earthhourwales