



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Council
17 December 2019
Agenda Item 15

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motion on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Louise Murphy which has been seconded by Councillor Sean McDonald.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Council determine the motion as set out in annex A to this report.

3. Context

- 3.1. A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Louise Murphy, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2. The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.

- 3.3. There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.
- 3.4. The motion before Council is declaratory in nature, as defined in para 14.4.4 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it may be considered and debated by the Full Council without being automatically referred to a future meeting of Full Council, as defined in para 14.4.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, or, being referred to the Executive or Committee without debate, as defined in paragraphs 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1. Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council procedure rules and the Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The motion is declaratory in nature and therefore there are no direct financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. As the motion is declaratory in nature, there are no direct legal implications arising from it.

Background Papers

None.

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Annex A

This Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and has worked hard to create a robust Carbon Reduction Plan to work towards carbon neutrality for the Council by 2030. The Council has created a new Sustainable AW Framework to steer and guide a range of activities so that Council, businesses, community groups and individuals can work well together to take this agenda forward. We are putting our own house in order.

This Council now calls upon the Trustees of the West Sussex County Council Local Authority Pension Fund (of which the Councils employees are members) to divest that fund of all investments in fossil fuel stocks, equities and funds and it instructs the Councils Chief Executive to write to the Trustees of the fund with a copy of this Motion on Notice and asking them to take action.

Proposed by Councillor Louise Murphy
Seconded by Councillor Sean McDonald