

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 Neil Parkin.
- 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 Neil Parkin (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 District.

- 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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Local Electricity Bill - Motion on Notice

The Council:

- is committed to 100 percent clean energy across Adur/Worthing (through signing UK100 Cities pledge) working towards carbon neutrality by 2030.
- has installed large solar photovoltaic arrays on civic buildings and plans to install more in the future. However, the current regulatory environment makes the costs of providing the power generated to our local communities prohibitive.
- recognises that using the Council's estate could:
 - provide affordable clean energy directly to our community,
 - reduce the community's carbon footprint and supports transition away from fossil fuels,
 - increase opportunities for investment in renewable energy,
 - provide an additional source of revenue to invest in local services and
 - reduce the cost of providing locally generated energy to the national electricity network
- recognises that:
 - the high costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers creates barriers for local renewable electricity generators, and
 - reducing these costs would create significant opportunities to provide locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations.
- resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, which (if made law) would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and
- further resolves for the Chief Executive to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Local Electricity Bill.

Proposed by Councillor Neil Parkin