



# ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

## Motions 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 Catherine Arnold which has been seconded by Councillor Les Alden
- 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 the motion, upon being moved and seconded, be noted by Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### 3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Catherine Arnold, (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 contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of Joint Strategic Committee and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.5 If a motion on the agenda at Full Council is to be referred automatically to the Executive, a Regulatory Committee or another Council Committee, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.4, the proposer of the motion will confirm to the Chairperson their proposal of the motion as set out in the report before Council **without** a speech.
- 3.6 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

#### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 The motion has subject matter that comes within the remit of the Joint Strategic Committee and should the Joint Strategic Committee determine that the motion be accepted there may be financial implications in the future.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 Rules concerning motions are set out in the Council's Constitution under paragraph 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules

### **Background Papers**

None

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## **Annex A**

### CLIMATE CHANGE MOTION

This Council recognises that Climate Change is proceeding unabated. That we fast approach the point of no-return.

We are not doing enough to cut back on human-created carbon emissions. In fact, they continue to increase.

International political will has not proven powerful enough to overcome the entrenched cultural and commercial forces that keep us going down the same disastrous road.

Society, politicians and all of us at every level must do more.

This motion proposes that Adur Council declares a Climate Emergency and pledges it will do all it can for Adur to become carbon neutral by 2030.

In 2018, the Climate Change Committee, an independent body advising the UK govt, stated, "We're off track to meet our own emissions targets for the 2020s & 30s". Leading climate scientists warn that we have only eleven years within which global warming can be kept to a maximum of 1.5 degrees C.

If temperatures increase by 2°C it will result in catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, widespread poverty and mass migration.

The UK is the first country to legislate for net zero emissions by 2050 and the first to declare a 'Climate Emergency'. Declarations have also been agreed at York City Council (Conservative majority) & Portsmouth City Council (no overall majority).

This Council recognises politicians of all parties, at all levels, have a duty to limit the causes of Climate Change. We cannot wait for national governments to do it all. Although Adur has the new tidal wall, a significant proportion of our population lives beyond its protection. And despite the wall, much of Adur could one day be devastated by the exceptional, predicted rise in sea levels.

However, Councils like Adur are uniquely placed to be leaders in a new green technological revolution. Our location, particularly our coastline, facilitates local energy generation such as wind and solar. One of our fastest growing job creation Areas.

So, limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible. But only if action is taken Now.

Therefore, this Council calls on Joint Strategic Committee to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency',

Incorporate climate change mitigation into Sustainability & Risk assessments throughout its reports, plans and reviews, including planning applications,

Attempt to make Adur carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account production and consumption, including use of the following;

Solar energy, via council joint ventures and/or group buying schemes.  
Faster rollout of private and public electric/hybrid powered vehicles & Infrastructure.

Grant applications for cleaner bus stock and council vehicles.

Expanding bicycle networks to encourage greater bike usage for commuters as well as leisure.

Adoption of BREEAM's standards across all new social housing, housing association & Coast to Capital funded projects.

Deliver sustainable travel options and implementation of low emission zones in Air Quality Management Areas,

Report to full Council within six months of the date of this motion setting out the relevant actions

The council calls on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to set up a Task and Finish Group to review policies and to develop better practice and strategies.

We acknowledge this is an ambitious motion. But we must go further and faster, not only for our own benefit, but for the sake of our children and our children's children.

**Proposed by Councillor Catherine Arnold**  
**Seconded by Councillor Les Alden**