



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Strategic Committee
9 November 2021
Agenda Item 10

Key Decision: [Yes/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All Adur

Referral of Motion on Notice from Adur District Council

Report by the Interim Director for Communities

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Adur District Council on the 28th October 2021.
- 1.2. Members of the Joint Strategic committee are asked to consider and determine the Motion.
- 1.3. Members can either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, members can reject the motion.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Joint Strategic Committee support the motion and determine how further work is carried out; or,
- 2.2. That the Joint Strategic Committee reject the motion.

3. Context

- 3.1. At its meeting on the 28th October 2021, Adur District Council received a motion from Councillor Gabe Crisp, seconded by Councillor Robina Baine, details of which can be found at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The motion submitted to Council contained subject matter that is within the remit of the Joint Strategic Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it was moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.3 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 of the Executive and explain the motion. Councillor Gabe Crisp has been made aware that the motion has been referred to this Committee.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Joint Strategic Committee can either support or reject the motion.
- 4.2 Should the Joint Strategic Committee support the motion, then the Committee should ask Officers to prepare a further report on the substantive issues to be presented at a future meeting of the JSC.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Joint Strategic Committee wishes to take.

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

Motion to Adur District Council on the 28th October 2021

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Motion - A Partnership between Local Government and National Government to tackle Climate Change

Background

In 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to having 'domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities' so localities can play their part in delivering the UKs 'Nationally Determined Contributions' in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In July 2019 Adur District Council declared a Climate Emergency

In July 2021 the Sustainable AW 2021-23 plan was presented which states that: *To address the Climate Emergency, greater collaboration on climate action is proposed through enhanced engagement with community, business and public sector partners; developing joint ownership of a refined SustainableAW plan; and creating clearer methods of joint working.*

In May 2021 Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26 said Collaboration would be a key objective of the climate summit

"Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called 'non-state actors' and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around"

Despite these agreements and statements there is still no formal relationship allowing a joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action.

This Council notes that

- there has been a substantial shift in public opinion on the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity crisis during the last 3 years since COP24
- public opinion is strongly in favour of bold and decisive action at local, national and international level on the Climate Emergency
- this country is hosting COP26, the last chance to introduce the necessary substantial measures to halt global warming below 1.5 degrees C.

This Council resolves to

- in this year of COP26 add our voice to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport & others for a joint local & national government Task Force to plan action to reach 'net zero' emissions. Such a partnership can set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable.

- write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26 , the Prime Minister and the Leadership Board of the LGA informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.

Proposed by Cllr Gabe Crisp
Seconded by Cllr Robina Baine