



WORTHING BOROUGH
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 Richard Mulholland which has been seconded by Councillor Helen Silman.
- 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 Richard Mulholland, (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 contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of the Joint Strategic Committee and the 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 and that we are fast approaching 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 succeeded in overcoming the entrenched cultural and commercial interests that keep us going down the same road to disaster.

Every organization, every individual and everyone engaged with politics **at every level** must do more.

In 2018, the Climate Change Committee, an independent body advising the UK government, 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 to ensure that global temperature increase is kept to a maximum of 1.5 degrees C.

If temperature increases 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'.

As a Council we accept that politicians of all parties, at all levels, have a duty to diminish the causes of Climate Change. We cannot wait for national governments to do it all.

This Council accepts all the recommendations set out in item 10 of the Joint Strategic Committee's agenda for the 9th July 2019 as an essential first step to working towards carbon neutrality within Worthing Borough Council's and Adur District Councils asset base by 2030.

By adopting more ambitious programmes Worthing Borough Council can become a leader in a green technological revolution. Our location, particularly our coastline, facilitates local energy generation such as wind and solar. This could be one of our fastest growing job creation areas.

To fulfill long- term aims carbon reduction must come from build, transport, energy production and use.

THEREFORE, this Council adopts the following policies additional to those adopted by the Joint Strategic Committee at its July 9th 2019 meeting

- 1) The incorporation of climate change mitigation into Sustainability & Risk assessments throughout its reports, plans and reviews, including every planning application, whatever the size of the development.
- 2) Compliance with BREEAM standards in all new builds.
- 3) The development and implementation of a Community Engagement Plan to fully inform residents about the need for urgent action on Climate Change. This should offer residents a vision of a healthier, more child friendly and greener town that is a model of best practice. The Plan must include actions to mobilise residents in the delivery of the action plan.
- 4) Report to full Council within six months of the date of this motion setting out the relevant actions taken and a detailed plan for further 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.

Motion brought by Cllr Richard Mulholland and seconded by Councillor Helen Silman