



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Joint Strategic Committee  
10 September 2019  
Agenda Item 12

Key Decision: [~~Yes~~/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All Worthing

## Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

### Report by the Director for Communities

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 23 July 2019.
- 1.2. Members of the Joint Strategic committee are asked to consider and determine the Motion.
- 1.3. Members can either accept 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 accept the motion and ask for further work to be carried out; or,
- 2.2. That the Joint Strategic Committee reject the motion.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 23 July 2019, Worthing Borough Council received a motion from Councillor Richard Mulholland and seconded by Councillor Helen Silman, details of which can be found in appendix 1.
- 3.2 The motion submitted to Council contained subject matter that is within the remit of both the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee and 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 Part 1 referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination and Part 2 referred without debate to the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 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 Richard Mulholland 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 accept or reject the motion
- 4.2 Should the Joint Strategic Committee accept 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 Worthing Borough Council on 23 July 2019

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### 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.

## **Part 1**

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.

## **Part 2**

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**