

Minutes from Full Council – 25 November 2020

Motion on notice

1. Councillor Miss Susan Carey, Conservative Group, set out her motion, which related to the council's Carbon Action Plan, as set out in the agenda.

Proposed by Councillor Miss Carey,
Seconded by Councillor Hills;

That the Council takes the following action:

- That the Carbon Action Plan include commitments to adopt the following policies:
 - the Kent & Medway Energy & Low Emissions Strategy.
 - the Kent Biodiversity Strategy.
 - Kent's Plan Bee; and
 - an improved recycling target to benefit from the incentives in the new waste contract.
 - More opportunity for those in flats and houses in multiple occupation to recycle.
- That the plan considers:
 - a district version of the Climate Change Risk Assessment using the Climate Change Committee's methodology.
 - an Adaptation Plan to address the identified risks.
 - a 20% Biodiversity Net Gain policy for all new development in the district.
 - a 25% Biodiversity Net Gain policy for Otterpool Park.
 - Options for where the district can improve natural capital such as wildlife corridors, tiny forests, pocket parks etc.
 - Options for investment in renewable energy within the district.
 - Switching the council's vehicles to Low Emission Vehicles.
 - Increased enforcement against flytipping with more Op Assist interventions with Kent Police.
- That the council's action plan for Net Zero pays particular attention to how best to retrofit existing housing stock, that new housing is built to standards that do not require retrofitting to be carbon neutral and that ways are examined to improve air quality including an examination of the effects of bonfires and how these can be minimised.

Proposed by Councillor Whybrow,
Seconded by Councillor Treloar; and

RESOLVED:

That the motion on notice be amended as follows:

That these suggestions be referred to the next meeting of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group so that the Working Group can consider them and make recommendations to Cabinet.

Councillor Miss Carey, with the consent of Councillor Hills and the meeting, agreed to accept the amendment to form the substantive motion which was then open to debate and put to the vote.

(Voting figures: 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).