

Council Meeting: 16 December 2019

Notice of amendment to Item 10: Climate change motion.

Delete all up to but not including the first bullet point (“Tree planting across the district”) and substitute:

The Council notes that immediately upon being elected the new R4U administration created an Environment Portfolio for the UDC Cabinet, in May this year.

It further notes that in July 2019 the Council resolved:

1. To declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency, acting now to prevent a climate and ecological catastrophe that will greatly impact our children, grandchildren and future generations

2. To commit to achieving net-zero carbon status by 2030 and protecting and enhancing bio-diversity by:

- requesting the Cabinet Member for Environment and Green Issues to establish an Energy and Climate Change Working Group of Cabinet*
- working collaboratively across the Council and engaging with individuals, community groups, businesses and other partners in the district, including young people who should have a voice to help shape our future*
- lobbying Central Government to urgently provide funding and implement necessary policy changes*
- producing a bold plan of action that is realistic, measurable and deliverable*
- ensuring significant progress has been made to deliver the action plan by April 2023.*

To advance the Climate Change and Green agenda as quickly as possible the cabinet member then created a cross party Energy and Climate Change Working Group, which was formally established at the next Cabinet meeting on 26 September 2019, and which includes all three Green party Councillors. The Council urges all residents of any party or none to contribute to the Climate Change Working Group.

The Council asks the Working Group urgently to pursue the production of its plan of action and, in drawing up proposals, to consider the feasibility and effectiveness of the initiatives listed below:

- [Tree planting across the district....] and listing all the proposed initiatives of the original motion.....*

Proposed by Cllr Pepper