

# Agenda Item 11a

Council Meeting of: 12 February 2019

## **AGENDA ITEM 11a - Notice of Motion - Southern Water**

In the last paragraph, the first line to after "Council requests that" add the words the words "a joint letter is sent from"

Also in the last paragraph, delete the word "write" and replace with "and opposition spokespeople"

Proposed by (Name) Neill Young

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by (Name) Gemma New

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Amended Notice of Motion to therefore read (see overleaf)

## Amended Notice of Motion 11a - Southern Water

This Council is concerned about sewage being discharged into Langstone Harbour by Southern Water. This has been the subject of reports in the media and many environmental campaigns.

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety have met with Southern Water and the company have stated that they only do this as a measure to avoid flooding in storms, that discharges on average only last for a few minutes at a time, and that they have consent from the Environment Agency in certain circumstances. However, the Council want to see this practice cease and an alternative method found quickly.

Langstone Harbour is an important part of this city, being home to many birds and marine life. It also contains a wide variety of plant life. So as well as being a landmark and a working harbour, it is also a place of environmental importance.

This Council notes that the Langstone Harbour board do an excellent job in looking after the site, regulating activities, and looking after our environment. This Council also notes areas where Southern Water have been innovative and forward looking in areas such as water conservation and energy.

Therefore the Council requests that a joint letter is sent from the Cabinet Member and opposition spokespeople to Southern Water asking if they can work with stakeholders in preventing the practice of discharging sewage into the Harbour completely, and that the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety scrutiny panel be asked to consider carrying out a review with relevant interest groups to achieve that purpose.