

Agenda Item 11b

AI 11 b Green Initiatives - 12 February 2019

Amendment - Motion (b) Green Initiatives

Paragraph 5 – delete from "The City Council condemns the decision" – to the end of the paragraph and replace with:

“ The City Council notes grants given by the government to businesses and citizens wishing to own an electric vehicle. The number of electric vehicles in the UK has increased as a consequence of this national initiative.

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Delete Paragraph 6 and replace with:

"The Council therefore notes the Governments actions, recognises that more needs to be done and requests that Group Leaders write to the secretary of state making representations on these items accordingly."

Proposed Cllr Donna Jones _____

Seconded Cllr Ben Swann _____

Portsmouth is a flat seaside city which is vulnerable to sea level rises. Global warming is a threat to all communities in low lying coastal areas due to rising sea levels.

The City Council is working with the Environment Agency to put in place new sea defences for the city, which is very welcome.

The production of greenhouse gases is accepted by almost all scientists as leading to global warming and therefore to the rise in sea level which is a threat to local residents in a flat coastal city.

Things that reduce greenhouse gases are therefore good for Portsmouth as it helps reduce the threat of ever higher sea levels.

Encouraging residents and companies to use less fossil fuels helps reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses. The City Council is therefore surprised by the Government's decision to remove subsidies to residents and companies who want an alternative to making greenhouse gasses. The City Council notes grants given by the government to businesses and citizens wishing to own an electric vehicle. The number of electric vehicles in the UK has increased as a consequence of this national initiative.

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