

Agenda Item 9d

Full Council 14 January 2020

Amendment - Agenda Item 9 (d) Action on Carbon reduction

KEY: Words which show as underlined are to be added to the original notice of motion, whereas words that have been strikethrough are to be deleted.

A full version incorporating these amendments is shown at the end.

Portsmouth City council agreed the Climate Emergency motion unanimously on 19 March 2019. It is recognised that the city council has already taken actions which have contributed to a reduction in carbon emissions, including:

- Multiple domestic energy schemes
- The long term delivery of over 22,000 solar panels on Council properties
- Installation of LED lighting in key buildings across the city, and conversion of 15,000 street lights to energy efficient LEDs
- A greening strategy adding 50,000 trees in the city and more planting to come
- Developing a food waste trial, converting some of the 40% of household waste that is food into biogas and fertiliser
- Working to make changes to the city transport system, such as the conversion of buses with scrubbers which remove harmful fumes and make them Euro 6 compliant
- Introducing electric vehicle charging points for electric/hybrid cars, for those who are unable to charge off-street
- Supporting Portsmouth International Port in their aim to become the first zero-emissions operations port in the UK, through measures such as replacing all floodlights with LED (reducing energy useage by 65%) and installing a sea water heat transfer pump to provide both heating and cooling for the new terminal building. The Council further notes the arrival later this year of Brittany Ferries' new LNG vessel, *The Honfleur*.
- Appointed a Climate Change Officer to coordinate carbon reduction, greening and sustainability across the city

In order to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 we ~~need to will~~ accelerate progress especially by taking immediate action to progress ~~low cost~~ projects and by making allocations of capital and revenue ~~where possible~~ in the Council budget for 2020/21 in support of carbon action.

The Cabinet is asked to therefore ~~be asked to~~ include outline business plans for new capital and revenue proposals that will demonstrably accelerate the implementation of the climate emergency motion in the forthcoming council budget for consideration by the next full council.

This will include the following low cost actions listed below:

1. Actively working with Local authorities - through the local government family - who are ahead of Portsmouth in carbon reduction to learn from others, avoid the cost of 'inventing the wheel' and adopt proven strategy and policy

- documents where appropriate. For example, building on the work of Portsmouth City Council's adopted Air Quality Local Plan. ~~Southampton already have a Clean Air strategy.~~
2. Continue ~~Calling a~~ cross party working ~~of holding regular sessions for~~ group spokespeople for Environment and Climate Change to meet with officers involved and the Cabinet Member to make affordable recommendations for the 2020/21 budget. ~~(low cost)~~
 3. To ~~use the convene a~~ cross party working group to work with the Climate ~~change~~ Change Board and oversee the development of a strategy and action plans to implement the agreed Climate emergency motion including an ~~Integrated~~ integrated transport strategy. ~~(low cost)~~
 4. Considering raising ~~car~~ parking charges as part of the parking strategy for the city. ~~(potentially income generating)~~
 5. To continue to call on the Government for funding for modes of travel that will reduce the need for journeys in our city by car, van or HGV and to invest this in active travel infrastructure.
 6. Continue with plans to implement more cycle lanes in the city and improve walking routes to help further the Local Cycling and ~~walking~~ Infrastructure Plan.
 7. Considering charging large employers for off road parking spaces rather than incentivising commuting by car, as part of the Parking Strategy for the city. ~~(potentially income generating)~~
 68. Examining the feasibility and cost benefits of different ways of commissioning buses and bus operators to accelerate the provision of greener buses and to retain surpluses for reinvestment in local bus services as part of the Air Quality Local Plan (only 2% of bus journeys are subsidised by the City Council, 98% are run by private companies over which the Council has limited control. ~~(initial work low cost)~~
 79. Where the Council have the regulatory powers to do so, ~~Develop~~ develop and ~~Incorporate~~ incorporate new must do requirements to require carbon reduction in Portsmouth into all contracts and partnership agreements so that ~~no all~~ organisations who can work ~~to or~~ with the city council have to demonstrate how they are ~~without~~ contributing to the city's carbon reduction ~~(low cost).~~
 810. Consider the feasibility of introducing ~~Introduce~~ a carbon reduction kitemark, and accessible list of approved businesses for local business that is eligible and signs up in return for the free advertising the scheme provides. Link this to a carbon information website. ~~(Low cost)~~
 11. Continue discussions with voluntary organisations, such as Friends of the Earth, to develop an independent website to recommend pathways towards carbon reduction.
 12. Continue to work with members of our local communities to identify further areas for play streets in the city, after the successful launch of Francis Avenue.
 13. As part of the new Local Plan, establish the principle of increasing greening (including new trees where possible) across the city year on year, and working with all developers to maximise greening on their proposals.
 14. The Local Plan will be an important means of ensuring that new development addresses the challenge of climate change. With regard to securing emissions reductions and mitigating climate change, policies are being formulated that

aim to bring about substantial reductions in carbon emissions in new development, equally policies are being developed to help adapt to climate change and reduce climate risk in new development.

15. Extend and expand the successful food waste recycling pilot

16. Continue to investigate the development of the council's plan for an anaerobic digestion facility to accept the food waste from the City Council's food waste recycling initiative.

17. Investigate the provision of shore-to-ship electric charging points at Portsmouth International Port to reduce emissions.

Proposed by Councillor Dave Ashmore

Seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt

Notice of motion to therefore read:

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2. Continue cross party working of holding regular sessions for group spokespeople for Environment and Climate Change to meet with officers involved and the Cabinet Member to make affordable recommendations for the 2020/21 budget.
3. To use the cross party working group to work with the Climate Change Board and oversee the development of a strategy and action plans to implement the agreed Climate emergency motion including an integrated transport strategy.
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9. Where the Council have the regulatory powers to do so, develop and incorporate new must do requirements to require carbon reduction in Portsmouth into all contracts and partnership agreements so that all organisations who work with the city council have to demonstrate how they are contributing to the city's carbon reduction.
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After paragraph one, add

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Council notes the need to restrain spending. It is concerned that Carbon Neutral clauses in contracts may significantly inflate costs, leading to pressures to reduce other services or to significantly increase taxes.

Council also notes the limits of its powers and specifically that local authorities have no control over rail services and only minor powers over buses.

Delete recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Add a new recommendation 3 to say

Continue the dialogue already on-going with public transport operators about how to improve services

In place of recommendation 7, add

Explore the likely cost implications of adding carbon reduction clauses into all contracts and partnership agreements and report this information back to Full Council

At the end of the motion, add

Council further resolves to lobby the Cabinet to:

1. Not increase parking charges
2. Not introduce workplace parking charges

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs

Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

Renumber the recommendations so they are sequential. The amended motion should therefore read:

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2. Calling a cross party working group to make affordable recommendations for the 2020/21 budget (low cost)
3. Continue the dialogue already on-going with public transport operators about how to improve services
4. Explore the likely cost implications of adding carbon reduction clauses into all contracts and partnership agreements and report this information back to Full Council
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