

AGENDA ITEM 16(b) - Carbon Reduction

Amendment

Paragraph 2: replace 'commits to' with 'asks that the Cabinet considers'

Replace 'Portsmouth will' with 'Portsmouth would'

After paragraph 4 insert

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Seconded by (Name) Councillor Donna Jones

To therefore read as follows:

The City Council recognises that to achieve Carbon neutral status by 2045 will be a major endeavour, but one that is needed if we are to confront the climate emergency.

The City Council therefore asks that the Cabinet considers using the emerging Portsmouth Local Plan to push for the highest standards of environmental enhancements that the Government will allow. So that all new build properties in Portsmouth would have:

Solar Panels to reduce fossil fuel energy use
The highest levels of insulation in roof spaces and walls
Double glazing throughout.

The City Council asks the Cabinet to look at how to make sure that the maximum number of homes benefit from higher environmental standards, any property where there is a change to the roof would have to install solar panels and the highest levels of insulation in roof spaces.

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The City Council will also lobby the Government to provide funding and the powers to retrofit solar panels and better insulation to all properties in Portsmouth.