

AGENDA ITEM 3

(1) Notice of Motion – WIRRAL COUNCIL DECLARES AN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Alan Brame

Seconded by Councillor Andy Corkhill

After the existing motion, add the following:

Council recognises the need to support the Climate Emergency Declaration with practical local action. Over the coming years, this will involve a wide range of measures but, at this meeting, Council supports these initiatives:

- 1) In order to progress a meaningful response to reforestation and to the development of sustainable agriculture, Cabinet is requested to ask that the Government, as part of the forthcoming Spending Review, provides additional funding for schemes that will bring this about.
- 2) Council therefore requests that, as a significant practical step to slow the build-up of CO₂ in the atmosphere, Cabinet is requested to ask officers to initiate a major tree-planting initiative, ensuring that they...
 - discuss the opportunities for additional tree planting in Wirral with the major landowners
 - identify land for tree planting to create a range of sites and wildlife corridors to tackle climate change and
 - add to the biodiversity of Wirral and involve local schools.
- 3) Further, Council requests that officers work with local landowners, agents and the farming community to increase the scope for the Environmental Land Management contracts suggested by the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP to the Oxford Farming Conference in January 2019.
- 4) Council supports a drive to localise food production and asks Cabinet to support the uptake and maintenance of allotments, offering advice and support to residents who lack the confidence or expertise to take on an allotment.
- 5) Recognising the need to progress the switch to electric powered cars, Council urges Cabinet to work with large employers, the Chamber of Commerce and other organisations to promote and secure the provision of more charging points for electric vehicles in the Borough.
- 6) Council recalls that at its meeting on 18 March 2019, members voted unanimously to ask Cabinet to explore the possibility of building its own solar farm, either in the Borough or elsewhere. In reaffirming support for this proposal, Council asks for an update on progress to be given at its next meeting.

(2) Notice of Motion – WIRRAL COUNCIL DECLARES AN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Pat Cleary

Seconded by Councillor Chris Cooke

After the existing motion, add the following:

Specifically, Council requests the Cabinet to:

Set senior leadership responsibilities across all departments reflecting that the climate emergency relates to all aspects of the council's activities.

Prioritise the climate emergency as part of a wider partnership ensuring the Cool Wirral initiative has clear reporting links with other strategic partners.

Implement a long-term climate emergency communication programme including a dedicated web site and a dedicated mailing list to build a network of interest groups.

Adopt appropriate decision making tools supported by a staff and member training programme. This to include:

- the reintroduction of environmental impacts in committee report templates
- the reinstatement of carbon budget reports
- robust carbon/sustainability appraisals for all significant plans and strategies

Establish a cross - department task group to draw up a council climate emergency action plan.