



Notices of Motion

Date: 27 April 2022

Notice of Motion – Food Poverty

Proposer: Councillor Melanie Smith

Seconder: Councillor Robin Stuchbury

This Council believes that no family or child living in a fair society should rely on food banks to offset low income and economic hardship. These views are shared throughout the local authority and elected members.

Council calls on Cabinet to use its influence with national government to gain additional funding to implement the 14 recommendations of the National Food Strategy of July 2021, and to urgently establish a task and finish group with a cross-portfolio brief and including cross party members to analyse the current situation and to make recommendations of action to mitigate any worsening of circumstances for our residents.

As part of the task and finish group Cabinet should ensure:

- that a named cabinet member is assigned to lead on this study
- the cabinet member receives the support and resources to complete the task
- the cabinet member provides regular updates to all members on progress
- the group produce a report detailing their findings and making recommendations for action
- the report is completed in 3 months including recommendations for action and details of costings
- the report is disseminated to all members
- as part of the follow up, local members are consulted about the next steps

Notice of Motion – Mobilise community investments to tackle climate change

Proposer: Councillor Steven Lambert

Seconder: Councillors Ed Gemmell / Stuart Wilson

Full Council notes:

1. That this council noted that climate change is a global emergency following a Motion to Council.
2. The motion committed the Council to achieve net zero carbon impact by 2050.
3. The council has been progressing a package of low carbon opportunities arising from the Carbon Audit report, such as tree planting and reviewing carbon emissions among other things.
4. A new low risk model called Community Municipal Investments [CMI] has been developed by Leeds University and Abundance Investments platform with UK Government and EU support. This concept had the support of several local authorities including Bristol City Council.
5. This model of green bonds with a local authority guarantee is proven to mobilise local and other investment and channels local savings into local projects with low risk and a modest return to investors and after the first issue further calls can be automated.
6. This Council notes that the Local Government Association presents it as a model for mobilising widespread private investment to decarbonise localities.

Full Council believes:

1. That offering local savers and other ethical investors a way to support the County's journey to carbon neutrality mobilises community engagement in the process of change, attracts significant sums for named projects, and should be developed.
2. That offering security and a modest rate of interest through municipal bonds is an established way to develop local infrastructure.
3. That CMIs can help us amass funds on a regular basis develop a series of practical projects for a low carbon transition now in partnership with others which will be popular with local savers. This mobilises capital that could otherwise leave the County.
4. The Cabinet should prioritise CMIs as part of the package of investments that will create positive economic opportunities and carbon neutrality while building community wealth.
6. Buckinghamshire should join the other pioneering Councils of CMI in developing local opportunities for local investors.

Full Council resolves:

1. To call on the Leader and Cabinet to begin development of Community Municipal Investments for the County.
2. That the Council promotes CMI as a way residents and institutions can be engaged and actively involved in contributing to a zero carbon city.
3. Requests Officers to identify carbon saving projects suited to CMI investment in conjunction with local government, business and community partners in Buckinghamshire.