



Amendments

Date: 27 April 2022

Agenda Item No. 13: Food Poverty

Amendment Proposer: Councillor Martin Tett

Amendment Seconder: Councillor Gareth Williams

Amendment wording: (to add additional wording, in **BOLD**)

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 **ask them to consider** ~~gain additional funding to implement~~ the 14 recommendations of the National Food Strategy of July 2021, **whilst recognising that their full implementation are issues for national, not local government and would require a significant extra financial expenditure which would need to be funded.**
- recognise and congratulate the Government on its many initiatives towards supporting local Buckinghamshire people during the current cost of living pressures. These include:
 - **Raising the national Minimum Wage**
 - **Increasing taper relief so that working people on Universal Credit can retain more of their additional income**
 - **Reducing Fuel Duty on petrol and diesel**
 - **Raising the threshold at which people start paying National Insurance**
 - **Providing £150 per household in Bands A to D to help towards increased energy costs**
 - **Providing Buckinghamshire Council with £2.4m for additional Household Support. This will enable us to help with food, energy, water bills, other essential costs and in exceptional circumstances, rent.**
 - **Providing Buckinghamshire Council with an extra £1.2 government grant. This will enable us to pay £150 to households in Bands E-H that either have a qualifying benefit or who have a severe mental impairment. This is an**

additional 3,100 households. Lastly, we will pay an additional £25 per household who are on a qualifying benefit.

- ~~and to urgently establish~~ **continue work on its 'Levelling Up' policy within Buckinghamshire. This to include access to healthy food for low income households. a task and finish group with a cross-portfolio brief and including cross party members to Cabinet should** analyse the current situation and ~~to make recommendations of a as to how long term changes to the opportunities and aspirations of local people can be made, and in particular to facilitate the creation and securing of well-paid employment in Buckinghamshire's economy.~~ **action to mitigate any worsening of circumstances for our residents.**

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

- that **the Leader continues to have oversight of the development of the Levelling Up policy** ~~a named cabinet member is assigned to lead on this study~~
- the ~~cabinet member~~ **project** receives the support and resources to complete the task
- the ~~cabinet member~~ **Leader reports back to Cabinet** ~~provides regular updates to all members on progress~~
- the ~~group~~ **study** produces a report detailing ~~their~~ **the** findings and ~~making~~ **makes** recommendations for action
- the report is completed in 3 months including recommendations for action and details of costings. **The recommendations to be within the current resources approved by council in its Budget.**
- the report is ~~disseminated~~ **published** to all members
- as part of the follow up, local members are consulted, **as is routine, on recommendations that affect their Wards.** ~~about the next steps~~

Original Wording (Council agenda):

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

Agenda Item No. 13: Mobilise community investments to tackle climate change

Amendment Proposer: Councillor Martin Tett

Amendment Seconder: Councillor John Chilver

Amendment wording: (to add additional wording, in **BOLD**)

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 [2] 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.
- 7. That full council passed the council's forward Capital programme at its last meeting and all future investments must be within those authorised by full council and have a business case that meets current council policy.**

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~~ **may** be developed **where appropriate**.

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 **complement existing PWLB borrowing to** help us amass funds ~~on a regular basis as required to deliver existing planned~~ **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~~ **consider** CMIs as part of the package of investments **alongside PWLB loans** that will create positive economic opportunities and carbon neutrality while building community wealth.
5. Buckinghamshire should join the other pioneering Councils of CMI in ~~developing~~ **exploring existing planned** local opportunities for local investors.

Full Council resolves:

1. To call on the Leader and Cabinet to ~~begin development~~ **consider where there may be opportunities for** ~~of~~ Community Municipal Investments for the County.
2. That, **where appropriate**, the Council promotes CMI as a way residents and institutions can be engaged and actively involved in contributing to a zero carbon ~~city~~ **county**.
3. Requests Officers to ~~identify~~ **consider whether there are any existing planned** **Buckinghamshire Council** carbon saving projects suited to CMI investment in conjunction with local government, business and community partners in Buckinghamshire.

Original Wording (Council agenda):

Proposer: Councillor Steven Lambert

Seconded: Councillors Ed Gemmell / Stuart Wilson

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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.

5. 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.