



Notices of Motion

Date: 15 July 2020

Motion to Council: Climate Change

This council notes that Climate Change is a global emergency. Whilst the UK constitutes only 1% of global carbon emissions (with China, India and the USA constituting over 50%) it is important that the UK plays its part in leading the way. This change must come both within the UK but also globally.

This council meeting therefore believes that mitigating Climate Change should be a priority for the new council. This should form an integral part of the council's ambitious approach to the environment and ensuring the maintenance and enhancement of all that makes Buckinghamshire special.

Council therefore proposes that the Cabinet produce proposals to work alongside national Government with the objective to achieve net carbon zero for Buckinghamshire as a whole by 2050. The council should also evaluate reaching 'net zero' for its own emissions no later than 2050 and possibly before this, potentially by 2030, subject to resources.

These proposals to include, but not be limited to:

- Introducing Supplementary Planning Guidance that requires all new development to contribute to the net zero target via energy efficiency
- Proactively providing for sustainable transport.
- Working with the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership to raise awareness of the importance of working towards meeting zero carbon targets and investing in new 'Green' business and industry proposals.
- Extensive Carbon offset via new tree planting in partnership with communities and utilising the council's own assets.
- Working with suppliers to develop a pathway to zero carbon emissions.
- Encouraging Community Boards to lead in their localities for carbon reduction
- Working with partners and local communities to identify local schemes that can contribute to this ambition.

Motion to Council:**Equalities**

- In the context of current concerns, this council reaffirms its commitment to the key principles of: equality of opportunity; and equal treatment and consideration under the law.
- Repeated surveys have shown that over 80% of Buckinghamshire residents have a strong sense of belonging to their local area. Within Buckinghamshire this council wishes to see the strong, positive relationships between people of all backgrounds and ethnicities maintained and strengthened. This council therefore asks that Cabinet bring forward an 'Integrated Communities' strategy, building upon the 'Strengthening Our Communities' theme in our Corporate Plan. It also asks that partners and stakeholders are engaged in this process.
- Also, Council asks that the Cabinet engages with the Buckinghamshire NHS as it develops its response to the comprehensive review 'Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19'. This specifically identified the greater risks to people of BAME heritage, but also to people who were over 80 years of age, males, and those with caring occupations. Council asks that the Cabinet supports the Buckinghamshire NHS in developing proposals on how it intends to keep those at greatest risk safe, and reviews progress via the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Motion to Council

Planning and Parish Councils

We propose that the Council should undertake a consultation with town and parish councils, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of their engagement with the planning department, following changes to the planning consultation process in the Buckinghamshire Council constitution. The outcomes of this consultation and evaluation exercise and any recommendations resulting from it, should be presented to Council, prior to the May 2021 elections.

