

Subject:	Items referred from the Council meeting held on the 24 October 2019		
	Notice of Motion – Green New Deal		
Date of Meeting:	23 January 2020		
Report of:	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive the following Notice of Motion which was debated at and referred from the full Council meeting held on the 24 October 2019 and held back for the January Committee meeting due to the General Election on the 12 December 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee responds to the motion either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter as requested, which may give consideration to a range of options.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 To receive the following extract from the minutes of the full council meeting held on the 24 October 2019 setting out the motion and recommendation for the committee to consider as detailed below:

- 3.2 The extract from the full Council meeting is detailed below:

This council resolves to declare:

- support for a 'Green New Deal,' as a policy framework that seeks to address climate change in ways that also: boost jobs, address poverty and inequality, and restructure our economic system;

This Council asks:

- For the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State and the Chancellor seeking their support for a Green New Deal and requesting an allocation of funding and resources to implement this locally
- For the Chief Executive to write to the Shadow Secretary of State and Shadow Chancellor, expressing our support for a Green New Deal.

This Council further requests that Policy & Resources Committee commission a report detailing how, alongside existing work: [1]

- poverty, inequality and accessibility can be addressed through the council's plan to become net carbon neutral ('net zero') by 2030;
- the council can work with partners (e.g.: Greater Brighton Economic Board, Chamber of Commerce) and specifically through the Local Enterprise Partnership, Coast2Capital, with particular reference to the Local Industrial Strategy and regional collaboration to lobby government for a stimulus package for low-carbon, 'green' jobs and decarbonisation projects; [2]
- the council can demonstrate good practice as a major employer by developing net-zero initiatives and employment opportunities;
- council can optimise the green credentials of council-owned buildings and public transport.

COUNCIL

4.30pm 24 OCTOBER 2019

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Phillips (Chair), Robins (Deputy Chair), Simson, Allcock, Bagaeen, Barnett, Bell, Brennan, Brown, Childs, Clare, Davis, Deane, Druitt, Ebel, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Gibson, Grimshaw, Hamilton, Heley, Hill, Hills, Hugh-Jones, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Lloyd, Mac Cafferty, Mears, McNair, Miller, Moonan, Nemeth, Nield, O'Quinn, Osborne, Peltzer Dunn, Pissaridou, Platts, Powell, Rainey, Shanks, C Theobald, West, Wilkinson and Williams.

PART ONE

45. NOTICES OF MOTION

(5) GREEN NEW DEAL

- 45.24 The Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Heley on behalf of the Green Group. She stated that the country was facing a climate emergency and the council was not acting quickly enough. There was a need to restructure the economy and society to address the issue and enable the creation of new jobs in the low carbon industry if the target of being a net zero city by 2030 was to be achieved. The importance of the Green New Deal was now recognised and had to be supported and taken forward with partner agencies to prevent the catastrophe that would result if no action was taken.
- 45.25 Councillor Hills formally seconded the motion and stated that there was a clear need to put the climate first and take necessary actions to protect it and to deliver environmental change.
- 45.26 Councillor Platts moved an amendment on behalf of the Labour Group and stated that she hoped all the Groups could work together to ensure that action could be implemented locally to make a change. She believed the amendment strengthened the motion and that it could be supported.
- 45.27 Councillor Evans formally seconded the amendment and stated that it was an issue that was close to her heart and she hoped that a way forward could be achieved to address the issue.
- 45.28 Councillor Nemeth stated that he shared the concerns raised over climate change but was not as clear about the Green New Deal as there appeared to be a number of different interpretations. However, he hoped that there could be constructive discussions locally and an action plan agreed that could be taken forward.

45.29 Councillor Miller welcomed the motion and stated that there was a need to consider what actions could be taken forward and how the ambitions of the Green New Deal could be achieved.

45.30 Councillor Heley noted the comments and confirmed that she was happy to accept the amendment.

45.31 The Mayor noted that the amendment had been accepted and therefore put the following motion as amended to the vote:

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45.32 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been carried unanimously.