

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL – TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

AGENDA ITEM 13 - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET – APPROVAL OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Extract from the Minutes of the formal Meeting of the Cabinet held on Friday 13 November 2020

85. Leader of the Council's Items - A.3 - Adoption of a Climate Change Action Plan 2020-2023

During the consideration of this item Councillor I J Henderson declared for the public record that he was a member of Essex County Council's Climate Change Commission.

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Leader of the Council (A.3) which recommended the adoption of a climate change action plan.

Members were aware that, on 9 August 2019, the Council had declared a climate emergency with a commitment to the Council's operations becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and community leadership activities pursued in order to influence and encourage others across Tendring to strive towards carbon neutrality for the District as a whole.

That declaration had committed the Council to a number of actions including the setting up of a Members' working group, the calculation of the Council's carbon emissions and the development of a climate change action plan.

It was reported that all of those actions had now been undertaken and an action plan, covering three years to the end of 2023, was ready for initial approval by Cabinet and ultimately adoption by Full Council as part of the Council's policy framework.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Chairman of the Climate Change Members' Working Group (Councillor Coley) addressed the Cabinet on the subject matter of this item.

Having considered the contents of the Leader's report and its appendix and in order to enable the Action Plan to be submitted to Full Council for adoption:-

It was moved by Councillor Stock OBE, seconded by Councillor G V Guglielmi and:-

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) notes the work undertaken by the Climate Change Members' Working Group to date;
- b) agrees and endorses that the Climate Change Action Plan 2020-2023 be adopted by Full Council and that, in view of the significance of this plan, the Constitution (Part 4.01(a)) be amended such that the list of local choice plans to form part of the policy framework of the Council shall now include the Climate Change Action Plan; and
- c) authorises the Chief Executive to put the necessary arrangements in place in order to deliver the Action Plan and projects arising from it.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the Climate Change Action Plan 2020-2023 be adopted and that, in view of the significance of this plan, the Constitution (Part 4.01(a)) be amended such that the list of local choice plans to form part of the policy framework of the Council shall now include the Climate Change Action Plan.

NOTE: The Leader of the Council undertook to arrange a meeting at which he, Councillor Coley and the Chief Executive would discuss how to further progress the Action Plan.