

## **Council**

**Monday 19 December 2022**

### **Agenda Item 11, Motions**

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Dan Sames**

**Motion Seconder: Councillor John Broad**

**Topic: One Planet Living**

#### **Motion**

“In 2019 CDC declared a climate a climate emergency committing to ensure our operations and activities are net zero by 2030 and to do our part to achieve a net zero district by 2030 through leading by example. CDC’s Climate Action Framework sets out the detail of how this will be achieved and emissions have reduced by 51% between 2008/09 to 2020/21.

However, responding to the climate emergency requires more than simply reducing carbon emissions. Currently our lifestyles consume the resources of 3 planets, we must do better to live within our means and the resources of one planet.

One Planet Oxfordshire is a collaboration of councils, businesses, schools and community groups that have a vision of a world in which people enjoy happy, healthy lives within their fair share of the earth’s resources, whilst leaving space for wildlife and wilderness. It’s about living and growing sustainably to minimise impacts on the environment and maximise benefits to people.

At August’s Overview and Scrutiny committee the ten One Planet principles that contribute to planning, delivering and committing to a more sustainable future were presented to offer a framework within which the council could operate.

These principles are:

- Health and happiness
- Equity and local economy
- Culture and community
- Land and nature
- Sustainable water
- Local and sustainable food
- Travel and transport
- Materials and product
- Zero waste
- Zero carbon energy

This council resolves to support the One Planet Oxfordshire shared vision and commits to review operations and activities using the One Planet Living Framework.”

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Sean Woodcock**

**Motion Seconder: TBC**

**Topic: Tenants Charter**

**Motion**

“The coroner's inquest into the death of Awaab Ishak in Rochdale should, like the Grenfell Tower Fire, be a watershed moment in the relationship between tenants and landlords.

Yet with 50% of properties in Cherwell not meeting basics energy efficiency standards and an energy bill crisis, tenants risk being left in cold, damp and mouldy properties.

This Council recognises its key role in protecting tenants in both the private and social rented sectors

And this Council calls on the Executive:

1. To establish a Tenants Charter setting out minimum standards that the council and that all tenants expect.
2. To run a public awareness campaign of the Charter, encouraging tenants to be aware of their rights and of where local sources of advice and support can be found.
3. To call on the government to bring forward the Private Renters Reform Bill, the promised ban on 'no fault' evictions and to commit to a national campaign of insulating poor homes."

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Mark Cherry**

**Motion Seconder: Councillor Matt Hodgson**

**Topic: “Get Home Safely”**

**Motion**

“This Council notes that:

- Shift work is widespread in many industries, particularly hospitality, among others in health, cleaning and security work.
- Many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night

This Council believes that:

- While employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours;

- Employers should take reasonable steps to ensure workers can get home safely at night.

This Council will

- Refer to the Licensing Committee to consider how it might be able to use its powers to adopt a policy whereby our Licensing Committee will ensure the process for approving late night licences will be linked to the provision of employee transport home, in balance with the size, type, and location of the premises concerned.
- The Licensing Committee to report back.”

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Ian Middleton**

**Motion Seconder: Councillor David Hingley**

**Topic: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair**

### **Motion**

It's not best practice for a council to 'mark their own homework' and in many other local authorities it is common practice for scrutiny committees to be chaired by members of the opposition group.

Such a practice was affirmed during discussions with Local Government Authority representatives during the recent Local Peer Review process. It's also common practice in other authorities throughout Oxfordshire. This convention helps to build trust and increase accountability.

The Council requests that the Monitoring Officer considers, as part of his Constitution Review Programme, that the appointment of the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be from the opposition group as part of the normal annual appointments process.”

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Dorothy Walker**

**Motion Seconder: Councillor Angus Patrick**

**Topic: Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investment**

### **Motion**

“Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles have become ever more important in recent years due to the focus of organisations such as ours on issues surrounding climate change and ethical values.

ESG audits are commonplace in many organisations and apply a set of standards measuring their impact on society and the environment as well as how transparent and accountable they are.

This council holds significant sums on deposit with numerous investment bodies, including banks, other local authorities and the Oxfordshire pension fund. We also have some internal investments, particularly associated with commercial property and property investment.

This Council therefore requests that the Executive consider the following proposals

1. holding transparent annual audits of all our investments to be measured against ESG principles which will be published alongside the annual accounts.
2. To divest as soon as practicable from any investment that runs contrary to ESG principles and any other standards set by the council, particularly with respect to any funds connected with fossil fuels, unfair labour practices or exploitation of workers.
3. To urge the Oxfordshire Pension Fund to further divest from fossil fuel investments at the earliest opportunity with a firm timetable for complete divestment from such funds by 2030.”