

Council

Monday 16 October 2023

Motions

Motion Proposer: Councillor Mark Cherry

Motion Seconder: Councillor Matt Hodgson

Topic: Cherwell Community Climate Forum

Motion

“The council notes Cherwell District Council declared a climate emergency in 2019.

Since that declaration, every month brings news of another extreme weather event and associated loss of life and habitat. Anthropogenic global heating is a reality and we are now catching a glimpse of its devastating consequences. Worse is certainly yet to come.

It is paramount, therefore, that communities work together to attempt to mitigate the worst effects of this very great threat to all life on this planet, and that residents are provided with opportunities to have positive, meaningful and actionable input into Cherwell District Council’s necessarily evolving and adapting climate action plan.

This Council asks the Executive to:

- Initially undertake a one-off community forum, inviting local residents and representatives from local climate-action groups, with the aim to best map out the future agenda of Cherwell’s climate response.
- Action by January 2024.
- Consider how best to continue community engagement regularly thereafter.”

Motion Proposer: Councillor Sean Woodcock

Motion Seconder: Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke

Topic: Retrofitting

Motion

“In the Oxfordshire Net Zero Route Map & Action Plan presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 14th of March 2023, CDC commits Net Zero Target for the District by 2030 which includes the Domestic Energy Sector. It was noted in the original Tenant Charter presented in the Full Council meeting on the 19th of December 2022 that 50% of properties in Cherwell do not meet basic energy efficiency standards. It is most likely that without retrofitting, the CDC's

commitments to Net Zero will not be met. Retrofitting properties not only ensures that CDC meets its Net Zero Target commitments and makes the Council-adopted Tenant Charter more beneficial to the residents, but it will also create jobs in the district.

This Council calls on the Executive to:

- Develop a retrofitting action plan for council-owned housing, showing how it will become carbon neutral by 2030.
- Engage with relevant partners to investigate retrofitting prospects across the district, spanning retrofitting properties in social housing, privately rented and owner-occupied.
- Acknowledge the benefit of retrofitting to the economy
- Seek relevant possible funding sources to advance this work.
- With the consent of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, this work is included within the Climate Action group.”

Motion Proposer: Councillor Nigel Simpson

Motion Seconder: Councillor Phil Chapman

Topic: Facilitating Sport and Leisure in our District

Motion

“This Council has always believed with cross Party support, that the provision of quality and affordable Sport and Leisure facilities are integral to the quality of life enjoyed by our residents. There is a strong connection between health, wellbeing and fitness. Healthy bodies, healthy minds.

This Council further believes that proactive forward planning for either refurbished or new additional projects is essential and that this requires active engagement with Members, Parish and Town Councils, and the Sports and Leisure stakeholders both local and national as appropriate.

The Council notes the current Leisure facilities forward plan that includes:

- * modernisation of the Fitness changing rooms at Kidlington Leisure Centre.
- * remedial works to cure roof leaks at Spiceball Leisure Centre.
- * replacement of gym equipment at all the Leisure Centres in December.
- * work for a new swimming pool at Bicester - the first phase feasibility study is now completed.
- * Pre application planning advice now underway for the North Oxfordshire Academy 3G Pitch.
- * redevelopment of the swimming pool changing facilities at Woodgreen.

* work on the provision of a new seated spectator area at NOA.

* work on the design proposals for pitches and pavilion at Graven Hill.

The Council requests that the Leader and Officers consider allocating an all Member briefing to this topic and also making it an agenda item for the next Parish Liaison Meeting.”