

AMENDMENTS AND WRITTEN QUESTIONS – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 26 June 2019

AMENDMENTS

1. AGENDA ITEM 5

Amendment submitted by Councillor: J Wright

This council is significantly concerned that the environmental crises must be a priority. We will aim for Mid Devon to be carbon neutral by 2030 and all decisions made by the council will be considered in light of the climate crisis.

This council will lobby central government for the finances and powers to act effectively to undertake the necessary measures to ensure the climate crises can be limited to 1.5 degrees and be carbon neutral by 2030.

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

5.1 It is recommended that:

5.1.1 The council adopts the statement at Appendix A outlining the Devon Climate Change Declaration.

5.1.2 The council agrees to work to the Devon-wide target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 but will aim for Mid Devon to be carbon neutral by 2030 and all decisions made by the council will be considered in light of the climate crisis

5.1.3 The council continues to work, through the DCERG and other mechanisms as appropriate, to collaborate on producing a Devon-wide Carbon Plan.

5.1.4 This council will lobby central government for the finances and powers to act effectively to undertake the necessary measures to ensure the climate crises can be limited to 1.5 degrees and be carbon neutral by 2030

5.1.5 The council directs the Environment Policy Development Group (PDG) to act as the initial owner of this policy activity within the council; with future PDG meetings considering how best to determine the council's own policy response(s) such as may then be subsequently recommended to cabinet and council in the normal way.

2. AGENDA ITEM 6

Amendment submitted by Councillor: R M Deed

That the Council agrees the revised appendix A as its formal submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, incorporating electorate projections to 2025 as per LGBCE requirements.

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

That the Council agrees the submission at Appendix A as amended.

3. AGENDA ITEM 6

Amendments submitted by Councillor: B G J Warren

- a) Question 1.17 Second Paragraph, Second Sentence. Amend to read “In the 2019 district elections all but one of the wards were contested.....”

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

In the 2019 district elections **all wards but one were contested** and there have been no instances where the Council has been unable to discharge its duties due to lack of councillors.

- b) Question 4.2 the ‘eg’ in the second line be amended to read “eg. Public conveniences, public open spaces, play areas and grass cutting.....”

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

The Council has implemented a programme of devolving local facilities to some town and parish councils, eg **public conveniences, public open spaces, play areas and grass cutting**, where there has been a desire to take these on.

4. AGENDA ITEM 6

Amendments submitted by Councillor: F W Letch

Question 1.10 - To remove “most of the Committees meet monthly” and add the following wording: “The Cabinet, Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Committee meet monthly with the Policy Development Groups and the Audit Committee meeting every 2 months.....”

To remove “Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committee” and replace with “Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee”.

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

The Cabinet, Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Committee meet monthly with the Policy Development Groups and the Audit Committee meeting every 2 months unless there is insufficient business to discuss or determine, with the exception of the Standards and the Regulation Committees which tend to meet on an ad-hoc basis.

The **Chairman** of the Scrutiny Committee is appointed at the annual Council meeting in May; chairs of other committees are appointed by each committee at the first meeting of the annual cycle.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. AGENDA ITEM 5 – CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

Questions submitted by Councillor Mrs S Griggs and *the responses of the Cabinet Member for the Environment*

1. Could I ask a question about our waste collections including all plastics how are they recycled & what happens to any single use plastics?

Waste that can be recycled, is recycled. Where possible we sell recycle as a commodity to offset collection cost. Waste that cannot be recycled is sent for recovery at an Energy from Waste Plant; invariably the facility in Exeter.

2. Are any being or were being sent to any of the Far Eastern countries that have been mentioned in the media recently?

No.

3. Are we ensuring that what waste we sell on becomes a product & not more waste?

All waste is tracked in transit through to the point when it no longer becomes waste; be that through recycling, recovery or disposal. Mid Devon is wholly compliant with its legal duties to ensure it is tracking its waste to point of disposal through regulated and appropriate channels.

4. Are we working on a plan to encourage consumers to reduce their waste & take more care in what we buy?

Yes. Mid Devon continues to be part of the wider Devon programme of initiatives coordinated through the long standing waste partnership. As previously presented through the Environment PDG updates, presentations and commentary shows a consistent theme communicating the importance of waste minimisation.

5. Are our local large supermarkets/stores offering to recycle their unnecessary packaging?

It is important to stress the legal difference between domestic waste and trade waste. In law they are treated differently and our duty as a Waste Collection Authority, and the powers associated with that duty, are constrained to domestic waste collection. In that regard the choices each trade source decide on is a matter for the individual trader. So it is fair to say shops will have a different approach dependant on their individual approach to the matter.
