

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 13.1:

1. Motion from Councillor Sandford

This Council believes that the need to tackle climate change through reducing carbon emissions and the worsening situation with regard to air quality necessitate a large scale shift in the UK to use of energy from renewable sources, such as wind, solar, wave and tidal power Council notes that:

1. Other countries such as China, USA and India are investing massively in renewable energy: for example China proposes to invest an additional £200 billion in renewables by 2020;
2. Peterborough has a good record on promoting solar energy but we have seen little investment in wind energy;
3. The Peterborough Core strategy policy CS11 gave strong support to expansion of renewable energy but this is weakened in Policy LP31 of the draft new Peterborough Local Plan and in particular the new policy allocates no sites as suitable for construction of wind turbines; and
4. Despite Peterborough promoting itself as "Environment Capital", the Council's Peterborough Energy Scheme supplies electricity which is only 33% from renewable sources, with the remainder coming from fossil fuels and nuclear energy.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet to:

1. Take all necessary steps to ensure that our new Local Plan does contain a strong commitment to expansion of renewable energy in Peterborough and that residents, employers and developers are given positive incentives to install renewable energy capacity in homes and commercial/industrial developments; and
2. Negotiate with Ovo Energy a new tariff under the Peterborough Energy Scheme so that residents signing up to the scheme are given an option to go for 100% renewable energy.

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