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| COUNCIL | AGENDA ITEM No. 12 |
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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notice of motion has been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

1. Motion from Councillor John Fox

"This council notes the decision of the Hearings Panel of the Constitution & Ethics Committee that Cllr Fower has breached the council's code of conduct.

Cllr Fower has yet to take up the recommendation that he apologise for the comments made about me or attend Data Protection training to ensure he does not misuse the data of residents in the future.

The Council would like to express its disappointment with Cllr Fower for his failure to do so and with his political group leader for not ensuring that this has happened.

The Committee on Standards in Public Life has scrutinised existing arrangements in local government and made a number of recommendations, many of which will require legislative change before they can be put in place.

I understand that the Government aims to issue a formal response to the Committee's recommendations in September.

The Council now has an opportunity to write to the Local Government Minister to endorse the Committee's recommendations, in particular regarding introducing stronger sanctions for breaches of the code of conduct, and I would urge the Leader and the Chairman of the Constitution & Ethics Committee to do this."

2. Motion from Councillor Holdich

"Council notes:

That the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.

that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

That all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

That strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits;

and that, recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

Council therefore commits to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action.

Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030

Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;

Ensure that political and chief officer leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that the Executive and Scrutiny functions review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline;

Request that Council Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;

Work with, influence and inspire partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops;

Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;

Request that the Executive Portfolio holder with responsibility for Climate Change convenes a Citizens' Assembly in 2019 in order to involve the wider population in this process. This group would help develop their own role, identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030, consider the latest climate science and expert advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;

Set up a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, Citizens Assembly representatives and other relevant parties. Run competition in primary, secondary and other educational establishments to seek young people's views.

Over the following 12 months, the Group will consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy chaired by Cllr Cereste. When progress has been made consult the wider public at various stages.

To give councillors and members of the public updates on progress on a regular basis

Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the council will take to address this emergency. Seek councils support for budget approval to assist with the co-ordination of this project

Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise;

Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to): renewable energy

generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice. Look to replacing all council vehicles with electric or hybrids including the mayors car as soon practical.”

3. Motion from Councillor Joseph

“As the number of cars on our roads increase, the pressure on parking spaces does likewise. Whether it’s at home, taking the children to school, doing our shopping or picking up a take-away, we want to be able to park our cars and go about our business.

Often this leads to parking on grass verges, which in turn leads to the damage and destruction of those verges. Not only are churned up verges unsightly, but the costs of repeatedly repair verges are huge and unsustainable and the deterrent to wildlife by ruined habitat inestimable.

Traffic Regulation Orders can be introduced following a request from residents, the emergency services or highways inspectors. The purpose is to protect the public, help alleviate traffic issues as well as to prevent the destruction of the verges.

Figure provided by officer’s state that the cost of repairing a verge of approximately 6sq metres depending on how bad the verge is this would cost between £150-£400 this does not include traffic management if needed and fencing off for establishment.

The additional cost for the matting would be around £270 for the same area. Even at the lowest repair costs the matting would pay for itself in 2 years and with an average life expectancy of 7-20 years the savings could be huge.

The council recognises that:

- The preservation of our verges is an important factor aesthetically, environmentally & commercially
- Public safety and the ability of emergency vehicle to move freely about the City is a priority.
- Offenders will continue to be penalised for parking on verges, but we need to look at how we reduce the costly damage to verges cause by these offenses
- This is a problem at schools, with parents dropping and collecting their children from school- alternatives need to be examined
- Some residential roads are too narrow to allow for the free flow of traffic if there are cars parked on both sides and realistic alternatives need to be looked at other than enforcement.
- Replacement of grass with permanent options such as concrete, paving or boulders is not in keeping with our biodiversity policy, green credentials or declaration on emergency climate change.

The council therefore resolves to

- Work with Ward Councillors to identify and implement a pilot scheme of replanting verges and incorporating protective matting designed to protect grass from damage from parked cars: Perhaps those currently subject to verge parking restrictions could pilot.
- Ask officers to provide an appropriate cost/benefit analysis on a City wide and Ward priority basis which should demonstrate that the scheme will:
- Provide long term, cost effect protection from damage to the grass and soil underneath
- Vastly reduce the costs of repairing verges on a regular basis. therefore, recouping the initial outlay and making annual savings on the costs of repairing the verges going forward
- Initial figures provided by officers indicate the provision of the grass mats, the excavation and removal of topsoil, provision of base material would be £45 per sq metre.

- Allow the grass to grow through the netting, visually enhancing the roadsides.
- Protect the habitat of the fauna and flora native to our verges and in keeping with our commitment to being an environmental capital and our biodiversity policy

We have a duty to ensure the health, safety & wellbeing of residents, protect the environment, and to do so in the most cost-effective manner. I believe that the initial additional outlay could result in long term savings and a general improvement in the aesthetics in those areas of the City where this is a big issue.”

4. Motion from Councillor Hemraj

“World Mental Health Day is the 10th of October. Every year one in four adults and one in ten children are diagnosed with a mental health condition. The subject of mental health is a vast one with significant impacts upon those it affects.

The council recognises

- Mental health issues can profoundly affect millions of lives.
- Reports as recent as January 2019 significant to Peterborough highlighted that at least one in eight of five to nineteen year olds had at least one form of mental illness, this equates to an average figure of 13 percent of youngsters living in this city.
- Mental health is the largest cause of disability within the UK representing 23 percent of the burden of illness. Many of the recognised factors for poor mental health are significantly higher within the Peterborough unitary authority area compared to England, the East of England and Cambridgeshire.
- This has a knock on effect on patients and their ability to sustain relationships, maintain employment and focus on schooling.
- Statistics demonstrate that diverse groups of people within Peterborough refrain from seeking help due to the stigma attached with mental health and the ability to open up about their predicament. Going to a GP can be seen as arduous, with the lack of appointments and access across the city, with many patients suffering in silence.

The council resolves

- To recognise the stigma associated with mental health, the difficulty in accessing services, and the lengthy waiting times to see a mental health professional.
- To acknowledge the dwindling funding to the NHS and subsequent knock on effect it could have on the current mental health service.
- To work with other partner agencies through Public Health to provide a one day event in the city centre that is open to the public to seek information regarding mental health, signposting to relevant agencies and organisations, give access to resources of information, leaflets, telephone numbers and to access help in an informal non objectifying atmosphere.
- To seek assistance from Public Health, delegates from agencies, and other organisations to deliver this event.
- To promote via Social media and other media outlets to create awareness of such an event,

- To ensure that the costing for an event of this scale remain minimal with many volunteering their time for the purpose of awareness of such an important, yet increasing matter within Peterborough.”

5. Motion from Councillor Murphy

“Council notes the recent launch of the Council for Fair Tax Declaration from the Fair Tax Mark. Which commits cities, towns and districts to pursuing exemplary tax conduct in their affairs, requires greater transparency from suppliers’ calls on the governments to review legislation and support greater powers for the exclusion of tax dodgers from public procurement.

Council believes that we should seek to ensure that Peterborough City Council consider the companies ethics and how they pay the tax as well as value for money and quality of service provided when undertaking procurement.

Council resolves to approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration and pledges to lead by example and demonstrate good practice. Further Council calls for urgent reform of law to enable municipalities to revise their procurement policies and better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct.”

6. Motion from Councillor Ellis

“This Council agrees that the number of houses of multiple occupation which require permission to be converted from single houses in some areas of Peterborough, including Bretton, has been high for many years.

Whilst there is a significant need for housing, especially for single people or small households due to extremely poor supply and affordability of housing, there does seem to have been a large number of HMOs granted permission. This has impacted upon the amenity of many areas and has especially exasperated the problem of lack of car parking.

City Council Officers are investigating bringing in Article 4 which would also require small HMOs of 6 separate households or less to require planning permission.

This power would help the City Council assess the impact a new HMO would have in the area proposed.

Council resolves that officers investigate using this power and submit a report to Council before the end of the 2019/2020 municipal year to consider whether to implement this power across the whole city.”

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