Item 11(d)

Motion to: Council

22 November 2022

Subject: Norfolk Climate Change Partnership

Proposer: Councillor Osborn

Seconder: Councillor Champion

An amendment has been received from **Councillor Hampton**

Councillor Hampton is amending the motion as follows:-

Inserting the words "**continue to**" after "**need to**" in resolution 1)

Inserting the words "**due to repeated and sustained cuts in funding from central government**" after the words "**are over-stretched**" in resolution 2)

Inserting the word "**continued**" after the word "**urgent**" in resolution 3)

Remove the words "**Norwich and**" in resolution 4)

Inserting the word "**wholly**" before the word "**inadequate**" in resolution 6)

Replacing the word "**working**" with the words "**continuing to work**" in resolution 6)

Adding the words "**within the reality of ever diminishing resources**" before the words "**to establish**" in resolution 6)

Replacing the words "**Call on**" with the words "**Continue to work within**" in resolution 7)

Inserting the words "**of all tenures**" after the words "**housing**" in resolution 7)

Inserting the words "**and request effective resource from government to facilitate this**" at the end of resolution 7)

Inserting the words "**continue to**" at the start of resolution 8)

Replacing the words "**jointly fund**" with the words "**explore jointly funding**" in resolution 8)

Replacing the word "**implementation**" with the word "**coordination**" in resolution 8)

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Removing the words "**Seek the backing of the NCCP to**" at the start of resolution 9)

Inserting the words "**share with the NCCP a copy of this motion and a copy of the letter written in response to resolution point 9).**

So that the revised motion becomes:-

Norwich City Council has set itself a target of reaching net zero carbon emissions across the whole city by 2045. This will only be possible with action from all partners and will require rapid decarbonisation of sectors that contribute the most to emissions in Norwich and Norfolk, namely transport and the built environment.

Norfolk Climate Change Partnership (NCCP) is a partnership of the environmental officers of all the district councils in Norfolk and the county council. The NCCP's officer members report to the portfolio holders' group of cabinet members with responsibility for climate change at the respective councils.

The NCCP has thus far commissioned a study on the use of hydrogen in refuse collection vehicles, and a study on the opportunities for community energy in Norfolk. The NCCP does not currently have a forward work programme or agreed priorities.

This month, scientists have warned that current policies would lead to a global temperature rise of 2.8C in the next 80 years. And the UN Secretary General António Guterres has warned that humanity must "co-operate or perish", saying that under current policies, "we are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator."

Council notes that:

1) In order to reduce carbon emissions effectively in Norwich and other parts of Norfolk, district and county councils need to continue work together.

2) Members of the NCCP are over-stretched, due to repeated and sustained cuts in funding from central government, and there is a need for a dedicated climate action officer for Norfolk, including Norwich.

3) There is an urgent continued need for the NCCP to prioritise the decarbonisation of transport and energy use in buildings to achieve net zero across the county, including in Norwich, as these are the two largest sources of emissions across Norfolk.

4) Virtually all housing and transport in Norfolk will need to be brought to zero carbon emissions by 2050 in order to meet net zero targets, as there are other sectors where total decarbonisation is not feasible (*e.g.* some industry) and therefore the offsetting that is relied on to deliver net zero must be dedicated to offsetting those sectors, not housing or transport.
5) Decarbonising housing through insulation and installation of renewable energy brings many other benefits including reduced fuel poverty, greater energy security, more green and decent jobs, and better health outcomes.

6) Support from the Government for decarbonisation is wholly inadequate, but this does not prevent councils from continuing to work together, within the reality of ever diminishing resources, to establish strategies, financing mechanisms and delivery models for advancing the decarbonisation of housing and transport.

Council **RESOLVES** to:

7) Continue to work within the NCCP to establish an evidence-based county-wide climate action plan, covering Norwich and other districts, with buy-in from senior officers and cabinet members with a focus on decarbonising transport and housing of all tenures as the main sources of emissions, and request effective resource from government to facilitate this.

8) Continue to work with other districts and the county council to explore jointly funding a climate action officer for the NCCP, who would lead on the design and coordination of the county-wide climate action plan, and who would identify and prepare applications for relevant funding streams; and

9) Write to the new Prime Minister, BEIS Secretary, DLUHC Secretary, and DEFRA Secretary calling for a national programme of insulation and renewable energy installation, to be delivered in partnership with local authorities. Share with the NCCP a copy of this motion and a copy of the letter written in response to resolution point 9).