

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 12 – Climate Strategy and Council’s response to the Climate Emergency

From Adam Walton

To Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Development Management, Strategic Planning and Climate Change

Question (P22-01)

Now that the Climate Change Strategy has been finalised and the objectives of the Strategy have been incorporated into the Council’s Business Plan, how will the objectives of the Strategy be incorporated into the plans and decisions made by every department in Wiltshire Council, and where conflicts arise between these objectives and other objectives, how will these conflicts be resolved?

Response

The council’s new service plans have been developed to reflect the new Business Plan objectives, so council activity going forward should be climate aligned within the budgetary and legislative constraints the council has to operate under.

We are currently developing an approach to decision-making using the ‘Doughnut Economics’ approach used by Cornwall Council which will enable climate considerations to be brought to the fore in key council decisions, alongside social and economic considerations.