

Wiltshire Council

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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Public Participation

Question from Mel Boyle

Question (21-01)

Please can it be investigated how during a climate emergency when we need local food and biodiversity that the County Farms are being sold off for housing over Government allocation figures, for example as planned for South Chippenham?

Response

Overview and Scrutiny at Wiltshire Council comprises four select committees, with the topic of climate change falling within the remit of the Environment Select Committee. Following the council's declaration of a climate emergency in 2019, Environment Select Committee established the Global Warming and Climate Emergency Task Group to help develop recommendations and a plan for making Wiltshire carbon neutral by 2030.

OS Management Committee leads the OS work programme and it may therefore wish to ask Environment Select Committee to consider inviting its task group to review the issue of county farms when appropriate. This will be proposed at the Management Committee meeting by the Chair.

The question will also be referred to the Executive in order that the council's policy position on county farms can be provided.