

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

13 January 2021

Agenda Item 11 – Report of the Warming & Climate Emergency Task Group (Part Two)

Statement from Bill Jarvis – Wiltshire Climate Alliance

Statement

I will refer you to my WCA colleague Christian Lange statement on this, which I fully endorse.

The Task Group report is detailed, supported by much evidence to support recommendations.

To enable real progress to be made on these issues, the Environment Committee should be recommending to the Executive full and unequivocal support for all the recommendations.

I highlight one particular point; if the Executive permits the approval of the new incinerator proposal, it will commit the County to an increase of 15% in CO₂e for the lifetime of the plant (the equivalent of doubling existing traffic emissions for the County).

This would destroy any chance of the Council even coming close to honouring its commitment to seek to make the County Carbon neutral by 2030.