Public Question 1

Question to Wiltshire Pensions Committee meeting 16.07.20.

I am pleased to hear that Wiltshire Council pension scheme is already making some low-carbon investments as part of its portfolio with Brunel Pension Partnership.

What plans does it have for further reductions in its active or passive fossil-fuel investments, given the commitments it has made to a sustainable practice and responsible investment in its Annual Report?

There is an urgency in the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: this is expressed most recently in reports from the World Bank, World Meteorological Organization and the Bank of England.

There is an increasing risk to the health of the people of Wiltshire from such emissions. Can the committee suggest a timescale for any rapid changes in its investments, and thereby follow the leadership provided by Wiltshire Council, our employer, in their declaration of a climate emergency last year?

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