

Wiltshire Council

Council

26 November 2019

Notice of Motion No.17 – Business Plan

From Councillors Ian Thorn and Brian Mathew

To consider the following motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

Introduction

In February Wiltshire Council endorsed a motion declaring a climate emergency across the county. The motion called for a programme of activity that could deliver the changes we required to contribute locally, nationally and internationally to addressing the threat of climate crisis. Wiltshire Council has since undertaken a range of positive activities to begin that process. At the core of Wiltshire Council's policy programme is our business plan. It is vital that our business plan reflects our ambitions on climate emergency and is amended accordingly

Proposal

We propose the following changes to Wiltshire Council's business plan (amendments in bold):

Amend the vision of the Business Plan to:

*'Create strong **and sustainable** communities in Wiltshire'*

Amend the final paragraph of the introduction to the Business Plan to:

*'We will continue to make Wiltshire a special place where communities are not only strong, but **sustainable**, more connected and able to cope with any challenges they face. **Recognising our commitment to addressing the climate emergency, we will consider how all our activity can support our programme of work on both combating the climate crisis and ameliorating its consequences.**'*

Amend the goals on p3 under 'Working with partners as an innovative and effective council' to

*'Community Involvement: robust decision making which is open, inclusive, flexible, responsive **and considers the long-term implications of tackling the climate emergency.**'*

Amend the text on p4 under 'delivering our priorities' to:

*'Our overall vision to deliver strong **and sustainable** communities continues, but there will be some changes to our services, including:*

- ***A programme of work tackling the climate emergency which will consider the ways in which all of our services can contribute to this aim by both reducing the use of carbon in the Council's estate, and across the county of Wiltshire, and also by responding to the effects of the climate emergency to protect the lives and livelihoods of Wiltshire's residents'***

Delegate any consequential amendments of the Business Plan to Executive Directors, in consultation with the Leader.