

**Council - 9 October 2019**

**Item 9 (c) - Motion from Cllr Sharon Galliford**

**Copy of the Proposed Working Group Terms of Reference**

1. To review and make recommendations to Council on:
  - a. setting up an annual carbon audit to include the Council's carbon footprint and a roadmap for achieving this aim by the beginning of 2020.
  - b. any immediate actions it should take to address this emergency, offer best efforts to forecast progress towards meeting the 2030 target and produce a methodology to compare the borough with other local second tier districts.
  - c. placing climate change on agendas to be discussed at appropriate committees – to build strategies and action plans with timescales.
  - d. Working with Surrey County Council and other partner organisations to make possible the 2030 target date set by scientists and the IPCC for total carbon neutrality.
  - e. creating a budget for grants to encourage and enable carbon-reduction and mitigation schemes within Surrey Heath. The primary criterion for assessing applications to the fund should be CO2 savings per pound spent.
  - f. implementing PPS1/Merton Rule Standards of high-energy efficiency and 10% renewable energy standards to be met in planning applications. Ensure zero carbon standards are adopted in future development and are incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans, Local Area strategic planning and revisions to building regulations and National Policy planning. Adopt a brown fields first policy.
  - g. adopting a planned trajectory for the divestment of funds and pension scheme away from non-ethical and fossil fuel based investments.
2. To report actions undertaken to address this emergency to Council at least 3 times a year and inform Council of planned actions for the next period.
3. To seek ways to facilitate and encourage the community to reduce direct and indirect CO2 emissions and conserve and enhance biodiversity in order to become resilient to changes caused by the changing climate by taking active steps where possible to encourage:
  - a) increased use of sustainable transport
  - b) reductions in energy use in homes, shops, businesses and elsewhere and a public education campaign in order to facilitate this
  - c) co-operation with organisations seeking to build sustainable developments that minimise carbon emissions
  - d) development and use of renewable energy sources

- e) production, sale and consumption of locally sourced and sustainably produced food
  - f) adoption of wildlife friendly land and water management practices
  - g) provide the appropriate training for council officers in order to implement the above.
  - h) any other methods of achieving the aims above
4. To oversee implementation and liaise with local businesses, landowners, community organisations and residents to make a positively beneficial impact on the environment and biodiversity in the District. In conjunction with this consider a Citizen's Assembly to address the issues.