

Item 4a - Matters referred from Council, Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee, CIL Spending Board or Cabinet Advisory Committees

The attached report was considered by Council on 19 November 2019. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Council (19 November 2019, Minute 33(a))

Councillor Fleming moved and Councillor Dickins seconded the report which sought the agreement of the Council's aspiration to reach Net Zero by 2030.

The Leader spoke to the motion stating that the Council was a forward - thinking authority which led by example for implementing policies which improved the District and embraced innovation and therefore the Council would unambiguously commit to working towards Net Zero 2030 and set out two stages to achieve this. Stage 1 would be the actions for the Council to fully to move to Net Zero 2030 by the undertaking of the immediate actions and commitments and stage 2 would be the actions and commitments to be further investigated by the working group.

Councillor Kitchener moved and it was seconded to establish an additional cross party task and finish group.

Councillor Fleming responded that he was committed to take the Net Zero 2030 forward working across the parties once the Terms of Reference had been established by Cabinet.

The motion was put to the vote and it was lost.

Members discussed the report and welcomed the commitment to achieve net zero by 2030. Members discussed some of the actions suggested in the report and if some of the actions and commitments could be developed further. Councillor Fleming advised that the actions set out were deliverable ideas and initiatives that could be undertaken by the Council, however until there were changes within the National were planning system the Council could only do what was permitted by law but the local planning policies can be changed within the Council's control. The Council would lead the way for long term change with practical solutions.

Resolved: That

- a) the aspiration to reach Net Zero by 2030 be endorsed; and
- b) it be recommended to Cabinet to develop an action plan to support the delivery of the proposed staged actions in support of Net Zero 2030.