



COUNCIL – 4TH JUNE 2019

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was considered by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on 14th May 2019 detailed a Notion of Motion, received from Councillor S. Morgan and supported by Councillors D.V. Poole, B. Jones, C. Cuss, C. Gordon, L. Phipps, N. George, P. Marsden, E. Stenner, C. Mann and K. Etheridge, as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council, in accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Council's Constitution.
- 1.2 Members considered the following Notice of Motion:
- the Council declare a Climate Emergency;
 - commit to making Caerphilly County Borough Council a net zero carbon local authority by 2030;
 - within 12 months develop a clear energy plan for a route towards being net zero carbon;
 - ask that Welsh and UK Government call on World Leaders to acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence that Climate Change has been created by human activity;
 - call on Welsh and UK Government to provide the necessary support and resources to enable effective carbon reduction and move to a less resource intensive future;
 - call on Welsh Government to measure out countries progress in a way that supports and reflects decarbonisation and the ambitious and forward thinking Well Being and Future Generations Act, rather than simply measuring resource use and consumerism;
 - work with Public Service Board and Cardiff Capital Region City Deal partners to develop opportunities to deliver carbon savings and to take advantage of the wider benefits of becoming net zero carbon.
- 1.3 The Committee were provided with background information that supported the Notice of Motion, which included details from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on "Global Warming of 1.5°C" published in October 2018, confirmed that the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. The Report describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.
- 1.4 During the course of the ensuring debate, Members raised a number of concerns around climate changes, including recent headlines in which plastic was found at the bottom of the ocean. Further discussions took place around financial implications and concerns were raised around the impact on Council budgets, with particular reference to the budgetary cuts, costs of implementing greener energy sources and developing economies increasing

their carbon emissions. Further queries were raised around schemes to plant more trees across the borough with schools or Housing Developers. As a result, the Committee were asked to note that a report is to be presented to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee which will outline a number of proposals and options in order to address these concerns, which will be circulated to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee for information.

- 1.5 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion as detailed in the Officers Report be supported and recommended to Council. By a show of hands, and in noting that there was 1 abstention, this agreed by the majority present.

RECOMMENDED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report the Notice of Motion be supported by Council.

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Appendices:

Appendix Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Report – 14th May 2019