

**CABINET – 17 DECEMBER 2019**

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**Public Questions**

**Question 1: Mrs Smyth, Waverley Friends of the Earth**

Surrey County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme which was adopted in December 2018, states that the current Surrey Minerals Plan (which was adopted in 2011) *"sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for mineral development to 2026 incorporating specific policies on silica sand, brick clay and oil and gas, together with generic policies to determine planning applications for mineral development."*

In the light of the declaration by Surrey County Council of a climate emergency earlier this year and Surrey's expressed intention to become carbon neutral as early as possible, will the Council now consider bringing forward the review of the oil and gas policies in the Surrey Minerals Plan to make them consistent with the Surrey Climate Emergency Declaration?

**Reply:**

The County Council is in the process of reviewing the Surrey Waste Plan and is proposing to commence the review of the Minerals Plan following the Waste Plan adoption. This is currently scheduled for Spring 2020. This will be a comprehensive review of the minerals plan and will include a review of the oil and gas policies. The timetable will be included in an updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme in due course.

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