

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

12 OCTOBER 2021

AMENDMENT OF MOTION

Item 8 (ii)

Amendment by Marisa Heath (Englefield Green) to the motion standing in her own name:

This Council notes that:

- Surrey County Council is committed to becoming a net zero council by 2030.
- The Council has further committed to Surrey becoming a net zero county by 2050 at the latest to mitigate the impact of climate change on our residents, infrastructure, landscapes and biodiversity, and to play our part in preserving the vitality of our planet for future generations.
- Surrey County Council has a crucial role to play in delivering and driving this agenda by ensuring that resources and levers that are within its control and areas of influence are utilised to the maximum.
- The ambitions of the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy require a step change in how our communities live, work and play.

This Council further notes that the Council's role in delivering the county's net zero target requires us to:

- **Lead** by example with the ambition to reduce the carbon emissions of the Council's own operations and services, recognising that elected members and officers have a significant role in leading by example in their actions and lifestyles and inspiring our colleagues, residents and communities to move to more sustainable ways of living and working in all of their decision making.
- **Enable** and identify opportunities and projects that reduce carbon emissions across Surrey that can benefit from the Council, by the Council facilitating finance and resources to attract external investment.
- **Inspire** by maximising opportunities to influence behaviour change and empower people and organisations to take actions that lead to real and sustainable change.

Additionally, it will be crucial for the Council to take a fourth role, by **collaborating** with districts and boroughs, health and other key partners to ensure every effort is maximised and joined up wherever possible.

In light of the above, this Council resolves to:

- I. Endorse a Greener Futures Member Commitment and in doing so, agree to put greener futures at the forefront of all aspects of decision-making, in line with our refreshed organisational strategy.
- II. Commit to working cross-party to champion the Greener Futures agenda and Climate Change delivery plan. Where Surrey County Council members also hold seats at District and Borough councils, they will support ongoing collaboration to deliver shared objectives and targets, and will, wherever possible, support local decisions and policies that deliver decarbonisation for Surrey.
- III. Commit to act as a connector with residents, staying abreast of opportunities for residents and communities to reduce their personal carbon footprints and improve their local environments **and ensure we have a strong communication strategy that gets input from members and engages residents, members and businesses across Surrey.** This includes promoting schemes, initiatives and funding opportunities. ~~which will be highlighted through communications undertaken around the Greener Futures.~~
- IV. Commit to actively encouraging communities to take a leading role in shaping and delivering the way in which we decarbonise the county and supporting community led decarbonisation and environmental initiatives, signposting appropriate funding sources such as Your Fund Surrey.
- V. Commit to working with partners through the Greener Futures Board to provide countywide leadership to this agenda **and use our wider influence and connections to obtain sufficient funding and policy change from central Government to enable us to meet the challenges set in the Delivery Plan.**
- VI. Work with County Council officers to identify and support those on lower incomes and vulnerable residents to reduce their carbon footprint and energy bills, ensuring that our policies do not have unintended consequences on these groups and that no one is left behind.
- VII. Agree that the Greener Futures Member Commitment will be included as a project within the One Net Zero Public Estate Programme of the new Greener Futures Climate Change Delivery Plan, which will be taken to Cabinet for a decision in October. The carbon impact of the commitment will be monitored and included as part of the Council's carbon reduction contribution.
- VIII. Agree that the Communities, Environment & Highways Select Committee Climate Change Task Force consider other actions in the future which can be added to the Greener Futures Member Commitment.

- IX. Appoint a Greener Futures Champions to support members in their efforts and highlight relevant points to all elected members that can help them deliver on their commitment to tackling climate change.

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