

Agenda Item 13a

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Council – 26 June 2016

MOTION A: HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE

Proposed by: Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards

Seconded by: Cllr Jim Knight

That Full Council:

1. Expresses its support for the substantial work undertaken by MSDC in partnership with WSCC, the LEP and the Government, with the support of Rt. Hon Sir Nicholas Soames MP, to deliver the opening of sixth form provision at the Harlands Road site in Haywards Heath.
2. Welcomes the appointment of the Chichester College Group to run the new Haywards Heath College.
3. Fully supports the bid to be made by Chichester College Group to the LEP for £1m of capital funding to match fund contributions made by CCG and Government towards the fit out of the building, and urges the LEP to consider this bid positively.

Amendment to Motion A:

Proposed by: Cllr Richard Bates

Seconded by: Cllr Benedict Dempsey

TO ADD:

4. Mid Sussex District Council welcomes steps to re-establish Sixth Form provision at Harlands Road, Haywards Heath with the appointment of the Chichester College Group and a bid with matched funding to provide a broad range of academic and non-academic courses to serve Mid Sussex students in what will be the District's only 6th Form College so that it can cater for all students regardless of background to pursue their ambitions in their local community.

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MOTION B: ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Proposed by: Cllr Andrew Lea

Seconded by: Cllr John Belsey

That Full Council notes and supports the declaration by Parliament on 1 May 2019 of an environment and climate change emergency and the intention of Parliament of 12 June 2019 to legislate for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Mid Sussex District Council recognises the responsibility that it has to protect our own environment and tackle climate change.

Therefore, Full Council:

1. Commits to continue to actively seek ways to protect the environment and help to tackle climate change.
2. Reaffirms its support for its Sustainability Strategy, progress against which is monitored by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.
3. Agrees to re-establish the Sustainability & Climate Change Panel with 8 Members, to provide advice to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Service Delivery on these issues.
4. Requests that the Cabinet Member and Officers investigate the feasibility and implications of introducing food waste collection in Mid Sussex and report to the relevant Scrutiny Committee.
5. Expresses support for the West Sussex Climate Pledge which has been launched by West Sussex County Council.

Full Council also notes, supports, and will build on the significant actions MSDC has already taken:

6. Reducing residual waste and increasing recycling, including the trial of kerbside collection of textiles and small electrical equipment and expanding garden waste collection.
7. Installing energy efficiency measures at MSDC's offices, including the installation of PV panels.
8. Working to reduce the use of single use plastics.
9. Signing up over 50 cafes, restaurants and businesses to the national Refill scheme to make free water available and reduce single-use plastics.
10. Installation of electric vehicle charging points in MSDC car parks, with up to 26 further points approved by Cabinet in April 2019.
11. Provision for electric vehicle charging points in the Northern Arc development.
12. Securing Green Flag awards at Beech Hurst Gardens and St John's Park, with an application made for a Green Flag award at East Court & Ashplats Wood.
13. Investment in 2019-20 to improve facilities for residents in key parks.
14. Negotiating the transfer from Homes England of at least 75 hectares of parks and open spaces to the Council to manage.
15. Progressing plans for cycle routes between Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill and Hassocks whilst looking to support cycle initiatives across Mid Sussex
16. Adopting District Plan policies on pollution, biodiversity, sustainable design and renewable energy
17. Supporting residents with energy efficiency and affordable warmth projects.
18. Working with partners to improve air quality at key traffic spots such as the Stonepound Crossroads and London Road, East Grinstead.

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1st Amendment to Motion B

Proposed by: Cllr Mathew Cornish

Seconded by: Cllr Paul Brown

AMEND POINT 15 TO READ:

Progressing plans for interconnecting communities with cycle routes and enabling plans to create a modal shift of journeys by cycle in Mid Sussex from 1% to 5% of all travel by the end of year 2022.

2nd Amendment to Motion B:

Proposed by: Cllr Simon Hicks

Seconded by: Cllr Janice Henwood

TO ADD AFTER POINT 18:

Council therefore declares its own 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action, and in particular to commit to:

- (a) Making the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030;
- (b) Achieving 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030;
- (c) Ensuring that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning policies are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.
- (d) To take responsibility for reducing the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, taking into account production and consumption emissions, and producing an action plan together with budget actions and a measured baseline to achieve a zero carbon target;
- (e) Work with, influence and inspire partners to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by promoting the involvement of the public and businesses and to encourage everyone to be involved in taking their own individual steps towards making Mid Sussex a net-zero carbon economy by 2030 and, to determine how the Council's activities might lead the way on this.

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3rd Amendment to Motion B:

Proposed by: Ben Dempsey

Seconded by: Richard Bates

TO ADD AFTER POINT 18:

Expanding on the motion's commitment to delivering progress on the Sustainability Strategy, and the District Plan policies on biodiversity, Council further notes:

- a) That alongside a climate emergency we are experiencing a biodiversity crisis, as outlined by the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on 6th May 2019, with an unprecedented decline in global biodiversity and around a million species threatened with extinction;
- b) That the UK Government's 25 Year Environment Plan (2017) sets out the requirement to recover nature and deliver thriving plants and wildlife;
- c) That the Mid Sussex District Plan and Sustainability Strategy require the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and, specifically, no net loss of biodiversity in Mid Sussex.

Therefore, Full Council:

- d) Commits to undertaking a comprehensive Natural Capital Mapping of Mid Sussex that will identify baselines and metrics for the District's natural assets and ecosystem services;
- e) Commits to using the baselines and metrics identified through Natural Capital Mapping to assess the delivery of no net loss of biodiversity;
- f) Commits to working with key partners, such as the Sussex Local Nature Partnership and the Brighton and Lewes Downs Biosphere, to ensure biodiversity in Mid Sussex is enhanced at a landscape scale.

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MOTION C: BURGESS HILL GROWTH PROGRAMME

Proposed by: Cllr Judy Llewellyn-Burke
Seconded by: Cllr Emma Coe-Gunnell White

That Full Council notes that:

1. The Burgess Hill Growth Programme is one of the largest strategic growth programmes in southern England and is being planned holistically to combine homes, infrastructure, community facilities, green spaces, full fibre connectivity and new employment locations.
2. The Council has secured over £61m of public investment into highways, sustainable transport, full fibre connectivity and other infrastructure to support the growth of Burgess Hill.
3. The Council has negotiated the transfer of at least 75 hectares of parks and open space and land and funding for the Centre for Community Sports from Homes England.
4. New River Retail is seeking to regenerate The Martlets Shopping Centre to create a modern, 21st century town centre including a mix of retail, restaurant, leisure and residential uses as well as a modern replacement library.

Therefore, and without prejudice to the Council's position as planning authority, Full Council:

5. Reaffirms its full support for the Burgess Hill Growth Programme.
6. Welcomes the investment Homes England has made in the Northern Arc and supports the District Plan policies that underpin it.
7. Welcomes New River Retail's continued commitment to Burgess Hill and its support for the regeneration of the town centre.

Amendment to Motion C:

Proposed by: Robert Eggleston
Seconded by: Janice Henwood

INSERT A NEW POINT 5, (AHEAD OF THE EXISTING POINT 5, WITH CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO NUMBERS THEREAFTER)

5. The delay in the regeneration of The Martlets Shopping Centre has already had an adverse impact on footfall in Burgess Hill's town centre and there is a further risk to town centre trade and the viability of local businesses during the two years of building work to be carried out by New River REIT.

ADD NEW POINT 9

9. Agrees to:
 - a. work with Burgess Hill Town Council, New River REIT and other interested third parties in developing a "bridge-the-gap" programme to support Burgess Hill's town centre economy during this period of change; and
 - b. instructs the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth to promptly create and convene a cross party and multi-agency working group to develop and implement said "bridge-the-gap" programme."

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