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A meeting of **Council** will be held in the **Committee Rooms - East Pallant House** on **Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 2.00 pm.**

**MEMBERS:** Mrs E Hamilton (Chairman), Mr H Potter (Vice-Chairman), Mrs C Apel, Mrs T Bangert, Mr G Barrett, Miss H Barrie, Mr M Bell, Rev J H Bowden, Mr B Brisbane, Mr R Briscoe, Mr J Brown, Mr A Dignum, Mrs J Dunton, Mr J Elliott, Mr G Evans, Mrs J Fowler, Mrs N Graves, Mr F Hobbs, Mrs D Johnson, Mr T Johnson, Mrs E Lintill, Mrs S Lishman, Mr G McAra, Mr A Moss, Mr S Oakley, Dr K O'Kelly, Mr C Page, Mr D Palmer, Mrs P Plant, Mr R Plowman, Mrs C Purnell, Mr D Rodgers, Mrs S Sharp, Mr A Sutton, Mrs S Taylor and Mr P Wilding

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## Chichester District Council

Full Council

23 November 2021

### Question to the Executive

#### Question from Cllr O'Kelly:

*WSCC have appointed Connected Kerb as the provider – they are current consulting and building a network of desired / needed EV charge points. They plan to install, maintain a network of 1000s of EV points across the County and although we are not partners to the project unlike the other Ds and Bs, Chichester District is included in the potential network.*

*Anyone without off street parking, all parish land, or other community organisation and other housing providers are eligible to register interest, apart from CDC land. Does the cabinet member agree with me that we need to inform our residents urgently and on all channels – the more people that sign up in this District – the more EV points they will install here?*

*Have we been using the full power of CDC comms to get this message out? Will you take this topic to the climate board where you meet with WSCC and the other D and Bs and clarify that we won't be at the back of the queue for the instalments as we are not a partner to the project?*

*The other partner D and Bs are going to receive a proportion of the revenue – will you be reviewing our decision not to join the partnership on a regular basis?*

#### Answer from Cllr Plant:

We are actively promoting the WSCC contract and to date have emailed all Residents' Associations (for whom we have contact details), all managers of community assets (village halls etc) and more generally the public via our social media accounts, where the message is programmed to be repeated numerous times. The messages all include a link to the WSCC e-form where such organisations and individuals can register their suggested locations. The contract is also mentioned in the District Roundup email due to go out later this week. Officers intend contacting the relevant registered social landlords and parish clerks soon to also make them aware.

Officers have received and considered the WSCC contract, and a paper is due at Environment Panel in December and onwards to Cabinet thereafter. CDC currently has 18 public-facing electric vehicle charge points, from which it receives the full revenue and maintains control over tariff setting. The WSCC contract's profit-share model is not yet available to the Council to review.

#### Question from Cllr Hobbs:

1. *What investment has the council made towards the climate emergency since we adopted it? It would help to include both actual investment and a*

*quantified element of officer time (either as a figure or a proportion of their job).*

2. *Is this proportionate in comparison to other similar councils or local authorities?*
3. *Are we expecting any government direction that will directly add to costs we will be obliged to incur in the immediate future.*
4. *Are there any actions we could take locally that do not require significant investment and would speed up our progress to net zero carbon emissions?*
5. *In the absence of the Climate Assembly, what other mechanisms are we proposing that will give a voice to those who thought they would gain one with such an assembly. Should we consider a more formalised opportunity for external input to the Environment Panel direct?*

**Answer from Cllr Plant:**

1. Since the start of 2021 the council has been maintaining a record of the additional costs to achieve the sustainability goal above a business-as-usual scenario. These green costs currently stand at just under £3,600,000, of which £1,082,500 is funded by CDC, £2,349,000 is grant funded and the remainder are joint CDC & Grant funded projects. In terms of officer time, currently only the Carbon Reduction Project Manager can be quantified for against the Climate Emergency work although a number of officers are spending significant time on green projects.
2. There is no record of investment made by other local authorities to the climate emergency other than what might be available on websites or in publicly available records of committee meetings. It would take significant officer time to review and collate this information, taking officers away from delivering actions to achieve real carbon reductions, and there would also be concern about the accuracy of such information.
3. The Government's Zero Carbon Strategy is an outline of the direction the Council should be moving in which will have additional cost. This strategy is the subject of a report to Environment Panel in December 2021, after which, direction and delivery of projects will likely be influenced by the strategy and available funding streams. Progress of projects will be reported in the regular updates of the Climate Emergency Action Plan to Environment Panel, Cabinet and on the website.
4. Behaviour change is key for local action and the Council's recent and future activity in this area has been outlined in recent reports to both Environment Panel and September Cabinet. It will also be a key part of the Annual Report to Full Council in January 2022.
5. There have been on-going media communications that outline the engagement programme to ensure local residents know what is happening and how to engage with the Council, which includes the multi local authority behaviour change programme, the biannual open meeting, focused working groups, regular workshops, attendance at local eco fairs and events, the All Parishes meeting. The Council will also use existing communication routes such as the Let's Talk Panel to talk about climate related issues. Important external input into the Climate Emergency work comes from the biannual public meetings but also the existing route for public questions to the Council, which is well utilised.

**Question from Cllr Barrett:**

1. *When will the stakeholders be advised by National Highways on the Options to be put forward for A27 RIS3 programme.*
2. *In the adopted Local Plan 2014-2029 provision of employment land is addressed in detail. To date:*
  - i. *how much employment land has there been made available (sq mtrs)*
  - ii. *how many people are there employed on these sites*
  - iii. *how much employment land has there been lost to housing or other use*
  - iv. *how many people were there employed at these sites*
  - v. *how much agricultural land has there been lost to housing*
    - a. vi) *how many people were there employed on these sites and how many people were involved in processing the produce from these farms locally*
    - b. vii) *in considering the above what is the net increase in jobs within the District and is this commensurate with working population increase*

*My concern in 2. is that it appears that we may not providing sufficient new employment to meet the influx of new residents.*

**Answer from Cllr Taylor:**

1. It is thought that an initial consultation may be undertaken in 2022. But no firm dates have been provided.
2.
  - i) This is identified in the latest "draft" Authority Monitoring Report under Key Indicator E1. The figure is 101,967 sq m ( gross), 66,921 sqm (net).
  - ii) Neither planning or economic development have records of this information.
  - iii) The amount of employment land lost to housing is as follows - (WSCC do not monitor loss to other uses):

Completed sites or under construction – 2.96 ha.  
Permitted sites – 4.54 ha.
  - iv) Neither planning or economic development have records of this information.
  - v) Completed sites or under construction - 74.83 ha.  
Permitted sites – 91.37ha
  - vi) Neither planning or economic development have records of this information.
  - vii) The Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment considers the jobs/population balance. NOMIS data shows that there were 50,600 economically active people in the District (info not available by plan area) between Jun 2020 and Jun 2021 of which 50,200 were in employment. This is a slight decrease from the start of the plan period in 2012 when there were 53,900 in employment. Office of National Statistics population estimates show that the population

- aged between 18 and 75 increased by around 3300 between 2012 and 2020 ( ONS mid year estimates). [Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](#)
- viii) The Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment is being updated to ensure the emerging local plan maintains the right balance between new homes and sites for employment.

**Question from Cllr Plowman:**

*A question about support for the national campaign for more midwives called "March for Midwives" as the NHS has now so few midwives that the current system is in melt down and over 60% of midwives are planning to leave. At the rally on Sunday at the Cross , I spoke with midwives from St Richards and they are quite desperate. The Observer have now picked this up in the following article*

*<https://www.chichester.co.uk/news/people/march-with-midwives-uk-people-come-together-to-support-maternity-staff-3466921> which gives more detail. They are very close to the 100,000 signatures necessary to get the matter debated in Parliament. it is not about pay but just simply to get more midwives. My question to the Leader was would she write to Minister to show CDC support for the campaign?*

**Answer from Cllr Lintill:**

A letter was sent to Savid Javid MP copying in Paul Marshall of West Sussex County Council and Gillian Keegan MP asking Mr Javid to consider the campaign and to support the training and recruitment of many more midwives as soon as possible to tackle the issues and improve staff to patient ratios which will in turn improve practice and staff morale.