

Motion submitted to Full Council by Cllr Sharp

Motion on Energy

Everyone has the right to a warm home that is affordable to heat:

- Improving energy efficiency is central to tackling the energy crisis & cost of living crisis;
- Fossil fuels should be left in the ground, & investment in energy supply should instead be targeted at renewables;
- All new homes & workplaces should be built to the highest possible energy efficiency standards.

This council notes that:

- Chichester District Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 which makes the District an inappropriate place to carry out oil and gas exploration;
- Buildings account for 23% of UK greenhouse gas emissions;
- CDC has supported energy efficiency for homes & businesses in the district, but needs far more support from central government
- Current UK government investment in energy efficiency is nowhere near the level required to address fuel poverty or meet our legally binding UK climate targets. To date only approximately 50 homes have been improved through Local Authority ECO3 Flex and Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery schemes.

The council therefore calls on the Leader to write to the Prime Minister & to our MPs to call for:

- ***Immediate further direct financial support to help people to manage the cost of living crisis, with most support provided to low income households;***
- ***A fully funded nationwide action plan to insulate all homes & businesses as quickly as possible to improve energy efficiency & reduce bills;***
- ***A commitment to keep fossil fuels in the ground, & to invest instead in developing the renewable energy technologies & businesses that are essential for our future energy security;***
- ***A commitment to require any applications for oil and gas exploration, including fracking, to demonstrate a net zero impact on carbon emissions, environmental and population health and water supplies;***
- ***Immediate introduction of significantly improved energy efficiency standards for new buildings.***