

Council Meeting

22 September 2020

Questions Submitted by Councillors under Question Time (agenda item 14)

1. Question from Cllr Cato to Cllr Petty, Executive Member for Climate Emergency and Environment

“With respect to the climate emergency declaration in Feb 2019, this council has made a commitment to being a net zero area by 2030. I am concerned as I think we have to do more to ensure we are on track to achieve that. For example, issues such as CO2e emissions from housing and transport need to be rapidly addressed, and indeed none of the papers I have received to date have meaningful clear metrics detailing how any given project is taking us towards or away from our net zero target. This makes it difficult/impossible for members to assess the impact of any project and properly inform the decisions we make.

I am aware much good work has been ongoing.

I wish to enquire:

- what progress has been made in establishing meaningful metrics to assess our performance towards this goal?
- what progress has been made towards the goal already?
- what can/must each member and this council do to help ensure we reach that goal?
- what, if anything, do we need from central government to support us (and the country) in achieving this and how might we progress this?
- may we have a report to the next council meeting on these matters?”

Oral response from Cllr Petty to be provided at the meeting.