



Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 3 September 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Rooms A&B, South Walks House,
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To receive any written questions from members in accordance with procedure rule 13.

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Questions from Members – Agenda Item 5

Question submitted by Cllr N Ireland relating to agenda item 10,
Procurements over £5 million in respect of electricity and gas

Following Dorset Council's declaration of a climate emergency in May and the subsequent establishment of a Climate Change Executive Advisory Panel, it has been noticeable that many officers have already embraced the ethos of working towards carbon neutrality in their actions and reports.

Whilst the EAP has yet to present its recommendations to Council, these are very likely to include measures to reduce our carbon footprint and join the many other local authorities who have set a target date for carbon neutrality.

I note that there is a brief mention of green tariffs in the paper regarding the procurement of electricity and gas supplies (agenda item 10) yet there is no commitment to signing up to renewable energy sources. Instead, there seems the distinct possibility that we may be tied into a contract until 2024.

Numerous other councils have demonstrated their commitment to addressing climate change by using suppliers such as Robin Hood Energy for example, and Dorset Council should be doing the same.

I am concerned that the paper removes the ability of this Council to follow up our climate emergency motion with decisive action and also respond swiftly to the recommendations that will come from the Climate Change EAP.

What measures will be put in place to ensure that this won't happen and that we will be true to our declaration?

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