



ADUR DISTRICT
COUNCIL

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Councillor Jeremy Hunt
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Date: 9th January 2020
Service: Chief Executive
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Dear Councillor Hunt,

Disinvestment from Fossil Fuels

I write on behalf of Adur District Council.

I am instructed by Full Council to write to you following the passing of a Motion on Notice calling upon the Trustees of the West Sussex County Council Local Authority Pension Fund to disinvest that fund of all investments in fossil fuel stocks, equities and funds.

I attach (for ease of reference) the Motion on Notice passed unanimously on Thursday 19th December 2019.

I know that Members of the Council will be interested to hear your response once you have had the opportunity of considering the Motion on Notice.

Yours sincerely



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Extract from the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th December 2019

Before the Council was a Motion received from Councillor Neil Parkin and seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn.

This Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and has worked hard to create a robust Carbon Reduction Plan to work towards carbon neutrality for the Council by 2030. The Council has created a new Sustainable AW Framework to steer and guide a range of activities so that Council, businesses, community groups and individuals can work well together to take this agenda forward. We are putting our own house in order.

This Council now calls upon the Trustees of the West Sussex County Council Local Authority Pension Fund (of which the Councils employees are members) to divest that fund of all investments in fossil fuel stocks, equities and funds and it instructs the Councils Chief Executive to write to the Trustees of the fund with a copy of this Motion on Notice and asking them to take action.

Members debated the motion and on a vote the motion was carried

Resolved: This Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and has worked hard to create a robust Carbon Reduction Plan to work towards carbon neutrality for the Council by 2030. The Council has created a new Sustainable AW Framework to steer and guide a range of activities so that Council, businesses, community groups and individuals can work well together to take this agenda forward. We are putting our own house in order.

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I attach (for ease of reference) the Motion on Notice passed with an overwhelming majority (28 for – nil against - 4 abstentions) on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th December 2019

Before the Council was a report by the Director of Communities, which had been circulated to all members and a copy of which is attached to the signed version of these minutes.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Louise Murphy and seconded by Councillor Sean McDonald.

Council debated the motion, generally expressing support and on a vote:

For 28, Against 0, Abstain 4

Resolved,

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