

County Council – 14 October 2022

Item 14(a) - Notice of Motion on Oil and Gas by Cllr Lord

Amendment from Cllr Urquhart

Following the Government's announcement that they will lift the moratorium on shale gas production, **supporting it where there is local community support for it**, and potential changes to planning for hydrocarbons, this Council:

- (1) Notes that The British Geological Survey has confirmed that the geology of the Weald Basin, which includes West Sussex, means that there is no significant shale gas potential;**
- (2±) Requests that any changes to national policy *will continue to be* are kept under review to ensure that West Sussex County Council maintains the tightest possible *planning* controls on *development* ~~oil and gas exploration and production~~ within West Sussex;**
- (32) Asks the Leader to write to our MPs and relevant ministers to remind them of this Council's position, agreed in 2018, that all planning applications for oil and gas exploration and production should remain with local authorities; and**
- (43) Affirms that, while all planning applications will continue to be treated on their individual merits, it believes the future for West Sussex is in renewable energy production not oil and gas *as evidenced by the Rampion wind farm, numerous solar farms and the exciting hydrogen projects underway.***