

**CITY COUNCIL**

**9 JANUARY, 2024**

**AMENDMENTS TO  
MOTIONS IN THE  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
RECEIVED IN ADVANCE  
OF THE MEETING**



**1 to 11**

## **AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

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Add the following recommendation:

2.6 To better comply with best practice, the Chair of Audit Committee should not be a member of the ruling group, therefore the constitution should be amended so that from the Council AGM in May 2024, the Chair should be appointed from the largest opposition group.

**PROPOSED BY:**

**Councillor Meirion Jenkins**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Robert Alden**

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# 1 to 12A

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**Delete point 6 after 'This Council resolves' and replace with:**

6. Whilst supporting discussions about the environment, it is not for the council to determine what should be discussed at ward forums, which is a decision for local councillors and residents.

**Add to end:**

This council regrets that the financial crisis brought about by the Administration's mismanagement of equal pay, oracle, and savings delivery, and in particular the inability to commit to any capital spend that is not 100% external grant funded, will severely inhibit its ability to respond to the challenges of climate change.

**Council further notes the record of the UK Government in tackling climate change, including:**

- **Growing the economy whilst cutting emissions, decarbonising faster than any other G7 country.** Between 1990 and 2021, we have cut emissions by 48 per cent whilst growing the economy by 65 per cent, faster than any other G7 country – proving economic growth does not have to be sacrificed to reach net zero (DESNZ, *Net Zero Strategy*, 19 October 2021, [.](#) ).
- **Being the first major economy to legislate to achieve Net Zero by 2050, supporting 440,000 high skilled jobs as we grow the economy.** We were the first major economy to legislate to be Net Zero by 2050 and have delivered our landmark Net Zero Strategy to ensure we deliver on these targets and secure new high-skilled jobs to grow the economy (DESNZ, *Press Release*, 3 December 2020 [;](#)  [DESNZ](#), Policy Paper, 19 October 2021,).

- **Reducing the UK's greenhouse gas emissions by a quarter since coming to office in 2010 and increasing renewable electricity generation by five-fold in the last decade.** In 2010, total greenhouse gases were 600.2 million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent – in 2019, this had fallen by 24.2 per cent. Renewable generation is up to 40.2 per cent of total generation, an 8.2 per cent increase in the same quarter ten years ago (DESNZ, *Energy Trends*, 22 December 2020).
- **Achieving a record in 2022 for energy generation in both onshore and offshore wind, strengthening our energy security whilst cutting emissions.** Generation from offshore wind increased by 27 per cent in 2022. At 45.0 TWh, offshore wind generation alone exceeded total renewable generation of ten years ago (41.2 TWh). In 2022, offshore wind generation accounted for a third of all renewable energy generation in 2022 (DESNZ, *Statistical Release*, 27 July 2023).
- **Becoming the world leader in clean wind energy, so that in ten years' time offshore wind will be capable of powering every home in the country.** The UK is a world leader in offshore wind and our goal is to develop up to 50GW of offshore wind by 2030. Today, the world's first, second, third and fourth largest offshore wind farm is in the UK (DESNZ, *Twitter*, 4 April 2023).
- **Through the Environment Act 2021, set four legally binding targets for biodiversity in England,** including halting the decline in species abundance by 2030, as well as reversing species decline, reducing the risk of species extinction, and restoring or creating more than 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitats by 2042.



**PROPOSED BY:**

**Councillor Rick Payne**



**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Robert Alden**

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## **AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

**2 to 12A**

### **CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

*Add at end of point 6:*

“And ensure meetings are attended by staff from the appropriate departments for the meeting’s topic. “

*Add at end:*

“As part of a reset on the Council’s Net Zero strategy, Council further resolves to, and where required calls the Executive to, move from specific one-off projects, to the change of policy and change at scale required, including but not limited to:

- a) A concrete commitment to ending incineration of waste at the end of the new waste contract in 2034 at the very latest, and developing of a clear plan and targets to reduce the amount of waste going to incineration in the meantime.
- b) A commitment to introducing a city-wide food waste collection within the next 3 years, and in a way which could be combined with a garden waste collection to give residents a free garden waste collection.
- c) Producing a delivery plan, including how to obtain funding, for retrofitting all of the Council’s housing stock to net zero energy efficiency standards.
- d) A thorough investigation of what needs to be done for the Council to adopt passiv haus, or an equivalent net zero standard, for all new-build council housing, similar to Exeter City Council.
- e) Investigate how to include net zero requirements for all new properties in the new Birmingham Development Plan, as is being done at Bath & North East Somerset Council.
- f) Developing and adopting targets for the reduction and elimination of Council pesticide use.
- g) Developing a plan and adopting targets for the phasing out of as many diesel and petrol vehicles from the Council’s fleet as possible.

h) Investigate what can be done to increase speed of delivery of funded improvements to walking and cycling across the city.”

PROPOSED BY:



**Councillor Julien Pritchard**

SECONDED BY:



**Councillor Rob Grant**

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# 3 to 12a

## AMENDMENT TO MOTION

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After: "Council notes that", insert:

In declaring a climate emergency in 2019, it made a commitment to reduce the city's carbon emissions and limit the climate crisis. As part of this declaration, an ambitious target was set for 'the council and city to become net zero carbon by 2030, or as soon as possible thereafter as a just transition allows', going beyond the Government's own net zero by 2050 target.

Birmingham's greenhouse gas emissions have fallen by 37% compared to 2005 levels.

The Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero Programme Board has brought the dual challenge of nature and climate together, to drive forward the council's decarbonisation efforts, and accelerate the City of Nature Plan.

After: "Support the Climate and Ecology Bill" insert:

, subject to central government developing an appropriate environmental delivery strategy, including the provision of appropriate financial and other resources for local authorities;

Delete: "5. Reinvigorate the cross-party Net Zero group and set it up as an official body which holds regular public meetings with publicly available minutes and actions." And replace with:

5. Continue the work of the Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero Advisory Committee, which advocates and supports the strategic objectives of the Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero Programme.

Delete: 7. Reset, reshape and restart the council's strategy on net zero ensuring that it is a top priority during the council's current transformation process." And replace with:

7. Ensure that the Route to Zero Strategy remains a top priority during the council's current transformation process."

**PROPOSED BY:**

*Majid Mahmood*

**Councillor Majid Mahmood**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Rashad Mahmood**

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# 1 to 12B

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**Delete everything after line 4, until 'This Council resolves to'**

**After 'This Council resolves' add:**

Call on the West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street, to continue to use powers at his disposal to secure delivery of other important transport projects, such as the reopening of the Tamworth and Sutton Lines and the extension of the Camp Hill line to Longbridge, as campaigned for by Gary Sambrook MP.

Support the announcement of the West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street, to extend the discounted £2 single bus fare until the end of 2024.

Calls on the Executive to be open and transparent about the impact of its own financial mistakes on the continued revenue funding for highways and any cuts it intends to make in this area.

Calls on the Executive to protect its own revenue contribution to Highways maintenance funding at current levels, matching the Government's commitment to maintain existing levels until at least the end of the current Spending Review period.

Calls on the Executive to carry out and publish an economic impact assessment of all changes to the capital programme as a result of their self-inflicted financial crisis.

Support the delivery of the following secured by the West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street-

- £1.75bn West Midlands Rail Hub, which will revolutionise travel across the midlands with Birmingham at its centre.
- £1bn additional CRSTS funding
- £350m to address current transport funding challenges and protect services
- £16.6m Bus Service Improvement Plan funding

**PROPOSED BY:**

*Deirdre Alden*

**Councillor Deirdre Alden**

**SECONDED BY:**

*Timothy Huxtable*

**Councillor Timothy Huxtable**

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# 2 to 12B

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*Add after "Progress in extending the Metro to the east of the city centre has been slow":*

Alongside low levels of funding, the cost of Metro line infrastructure per mile is a barrier to the development of a genuine network and work needs to be done to reduce its cost.

*Add just before "The Council believes that"*

The extensions to the Metro network, both in Digbeth and Broad Street have missed vital opportunities to enhance the cycle network.

**AND**

The city needs to accelerate its strategy for moving away from the use of fossil fuels including the switch to electric vehicles and active travel, learning from good practice elsewhere, and recognising the constraints that many residents and businesses such as private hire drivers face in continuing to need private vehicles.

*Add to the end of the section beginning with "The Council believes that:*

Simplicity is the key to successfully getting more people out of cars and on to public transport. One significant improvement would be to make multi-modal routes:

- Clear through visual maps of the city.
- Affordable through the availability of shared and fixed price ticketing

*Add to end:*

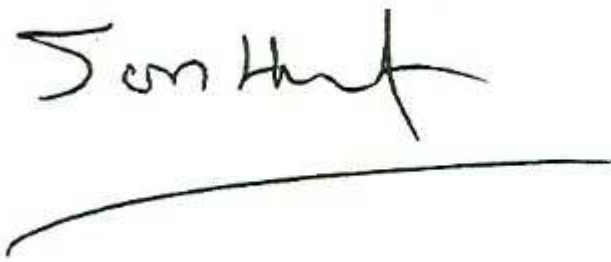
Call upon the Government, and future Governments, to reinstate the HS2 development between Birmingham and Manchester.

**PROPOSED BY:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Green". The letters are cursive and connected.

**Cllr Colin Green**

**SECONDED BY:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Hunt". Below the signature is a long, horizontal, slightly curved line.

**Cllr Jon Hunt**

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