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15 SEPTEMBER, 2020

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

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Amendment to Agenda Item 9

Amendment to Motion, paragraph 2.0:

Point 1: Delete "excluding its existing housing stock and procurement;"

Point 2: Amend to read as follows: "Notes the challenge of achieving the 2030 net zero carbon date for the City as a whole, but commits the Council to working with partners and neighbouring local authorities to work towards this ambition, prioritising those measures that will have the biggest impact."

Point 5: Amend to read as follows: "Notes the content of the Anthesis report and commits the City Council to work with partners to pursue develop these recommendations into an initial Action Plan to be approved by the December meeting of the Full Council. This action plan should include clear timescales and ownership of individual actions."

Point 6: Add at end "This should include a detailed breakdown of both the City's and the Council's carbon emissions for the previous year and targets for the following 5 years, together with a list of measures required to meet those targets.

Add Point 7 "Resolves that funding for tackling the climate emergency is taken into account in the Council's budget process and any changes to the Long-term financial plan."

Add point 8: "Resolves that all strategies and cabinet-level decisions agreed by the city council will be subject to a climate

impact assessment – where they will be assessed against their impact on the Council's climate change targets."

Add Point 9: "Resolves that as part of the action plan the council will work towards zero carbon council housing. This will include no further installation new gas boilers in all new council built housing, committing to meeting 'Passiv House' standards for all new council built housing, not already in construction; and a programme of council housing retrofit to the highest energy efficient standards, prioritising the least energy efficient properties and households in the highest levels of fuel poverty."

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At the start, insert:

"Council welcomes the progress made since declaring a climate emergency and notes the Council's ambition to achieve a net zero carbon outcome as soon as possible for both its own operations and the City."

Delete point one and insert: "Approves that the target date for achieving netzero carbon is set at 2030 for the city council's own operations, with further work to be done on housing and procured goods and services to understand the costs and consequences in these areas."

After point five insert:

"However, this cannot be achieved without significant additional resources, powers, and flexibilities from Government

The impending Local Recovery and English Devolution White Paper and Comprehensive Spending Review provide the opportunity for Government to get serious on Climate and facilitate action across all spheres of government.

With our neighbouring authorities and partners, we need to reach a collective understanding and make a shared commitment to working together to become the first City Region to reach net zero carbon.

Working from the bottom up with Birmingham's residents and businesses, the council will need to develop, and deliver in partnership, solutions that are just and relevant to people's and businesses' lived experiences.

Council welcomes the Executive's commitment for achieving carbon neutral for the Council's operations by 2030 whilst carrying out further work in the coming weeks to determine the contribution the housing and procured goods and services can and must make.

The Council therefore commits to:

- Draw upon the recommendations set out within the Anthesis Report and work through the implications for all our key areas of operation, building upon the recommendations for reducing the City Council's own emissions.
- Facilitate the production of a fully costed action plan to be considered by Council in December 2020 which includes a comprehensive list of resources required from regional and national government to deliver the actions;
- iii. Bring forward a plan and process for facilitating community and business participation in the determining of policy and priority for work in this area;
- iv. Join with communities across the city in calling upon the Government to act now and provide the upfront investment and resources required to drive a just transition.
- v. Require the Executive to introduce as soon as is practically possible a binding policy that all future decision reports shall incorporate a consideration of the impact of that decision on the Council's carbon reduction goals."

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Tristan Chatfield

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Councillor Sharon Thompson

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Delete point one and replace with

1. Approves the target date to achieve net zero carbon is set as 2030 for the City Council's own operations including procurement and all new housing stock.

Add to End

This Council notes its disappointment that 12 months after declaring an 'emergency', the Executive had not brought forward a clear action plan and is still just calling for more investigatory work. This Council believes that whilst this fits with the pattern of an Executive that has failed to show leadership on this issue since 2012, the clear instruction from Full Council should have been given much greater urgency. The Council therefore calls on the Executive to bring forward a clear action plan by the end of November.

PROPOSED BY: Robert Alder.

Councillor Robert Alden

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Councillor Ewan Mackey

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Add to end -

This Council believes that the Executive's current transport plans are counter-productive to the aim of reducing carbon and improving air quality as they will increase congestion and pollution across the city and in poorer areas in particular. Council therefore calls on the Executive to amend the Clean Air Zone to exclude private vehicles from charges and revise its draft Transport Plan and Emergency Transport Plan to ensure they do not punish those who have no choice but to use their car and create gridlock on roads without adequate space. The Council calls instead on the Executive to introduce positive measures to improve green infrastructure, public transport and electric vehicle capacity.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Peter Fowler

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Gareth Moore

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION 9 PARAGRAPH 6

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Amendment to Motion 9

Add the following words to Paragraph 6:

'and commits this City Council to procuring "Green Energy" when the current contract finishes in two years.'

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	Councillor Jon Hunt

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Add at end

"That the Chief Executive at Birmingham City Council:

Take steps to ensure that immediate changes will be made to the most pressing issues within the Travel Assist service, including [but not limited to] safeguarding of children, cancelled routes, guide changes, bus lateness, and telephone lines going unanswered;

Commission an external and independent inquiry into the Full Travel Assist Service that fully addresses the concerns laid out by Parents, Carers, Schools and other users of the service as listed in section 7 and listed in paragraph number a.) above, by providing clear recommendations, lines of accountability together with an open and transparent timetable for sustainable improvement;

Commission an external and independent investigation into the assurances that that have been given to Members about the safety of the service and the status of improvements at meetings of Overview and Scrutiny, City Council and Audit Committee since January 2020

The investigation referred to in paragraphs b.) & c.) will report by 1 November 2020.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Kath Scott

Ms Scott.

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Kerry Jenkins

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Add to end

This Council notes that problems with Travel Assist have been going on for years and that upon taking up her post the Cabinet Member promised to prioritise fixing the issues she had inherited from her predecessor. Further the Council notes that when it emerged that children had been exposed to the shocking risk of being driven to school by known sex offenders, the Executive promised in an amendment to a motion to Full Council that it would mark a turning point in the management of the service. Despite this, officers were still describing the DBS checking system as 'broken' some 2 years after the problems first emerged.

This Council deeply regrets that the Executive has clearly failed to learn the lessons of previous root and branch reviews in Travel Assist dating back to 2015, and this most recent scrutiny report in its preparations for the start of a new term. For at least the third year running Travel Assist has been unreachable by parents, routes cancelled with little-to-no notice, there has been inadequate communication with parents, poor route planning with children arriving at school beyond 10am, returning home beyond 6pm and with schools having to go above and beyond. Many of these failings cannot be blamed on COVID with Councillors promised that, using COVID funds from Government, transport would run efficiently and safely and enable social distancing to take place on routes and measures would be in place to ensure the safety of our children. Instead, this year these failings have led to multiple children being put at risk by being delivered to - and left - at the wrong school.

This Council believes that confidence amongst schools and parents with the school transport service is at an all-time low due to systemic problems and a failure of political leadership. Rebuilding this trust and keeping our City's children safe requires strong political leadership and accountability and that given the Cabinet Member's tragic failure to deliver this during their time in post, that the Executive should back public led calls of no confidence, and seek the resignation of the Cabinet Member in order to bring in someone capable of finally addressing these important issues once and for all.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Alex Yip

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Peter Fowler

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AMENDMENT TO ITEM 11 MOTION 2.1

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Amendment to Agenda Item 11

Amend to Motion, paragraph 2.1 to read:

"The Recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel on page 4 of its Annual Report be accepted and implemented with effect from 15 September 2020."

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	Councillor Jon Hunt
	Roger Hamer
SECONDED BY:	Councillor Roger Harmer

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