

Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Guidance on the use of this form:

This form is for use by councillors and members of the public who want to request that an item joins an Overview and Scrutiny agenda. Any issue may be suggested, provided it affects the BCP area or the inhabitants of the area in some way. Scrutiny of the issue can only be requested once in a 12 month period.

The form may also be used for the reporting of a referral item to Overview and Scrutiny by another body of the council, such as Cabinet or Council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee receiving the request will make an assessment of the issue using the detail provided in this form and determine whether to add it to its forward plan of work.

They may take a variety of steps to progress the issue, including requesting more information on it from officers of the council, asking for a member of the overview and scrutiny committee to 'champion' the issue and report back, or establishing a small working group of councillors to look at the issue in more detail.

If the Committee does not agree to progress the issue it will set out reasons for this and they will be provided to the person submitting this form.

More information can be found at Part 4.C of the BCP Council Constitution, under procedure rules 2.4-2.9

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/documents/s25674/Part%204%20-%20Procedure%20Rules.pdf>

Please complete all sections as fully as possible

1. Issue requested for scrutiny

The following motion was proposed to Council on 11 January 2022, and referred by Council to Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration:

This Council -

- 1. Notes the "Glasgow Pact" Agreed at COP26 in November 2021 recognizes that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at the temperature increase of 1.5 °C compared with 2 °C and resolves to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C*
- 2. Notes the same document Calls upon Parties to accelerate the development, deployment and dissemination of technologies, and the adoption of policies, to transition towards low-emission energy systems, including by rapidly scaling up the*

deployment of clean power generation and energy efficiency measures, including accelerating efforts towards the phasedown of unabated coal power and phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, while providing targeted support to the poorest and most vulnerable in line with national circumstances and recognizing the need for support towards a just transition;

- 3. Notes that the recent report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), has been described as 'a code red for humanity' by the Secretary General of the United Nations*
 - 4. Notes that global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce an estimated 120% more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5°C and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and that this risks undermining global efforts to reduce climate-changing pollution*
 - 5. Notes that the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction*
 - 6. Notes BCP Councils own declaration of a climate and ecological emergency in July 2019*
 - 7. Notes BCP Council and the wider community is committed to targets of net zero by 2030 and the BCP conurbation target of net zero by 2050, and recognises the current work underway to meet these targets*
 - 8. Believes that BCP Council should be committed, as part of our Climate Emergency response, to a just energy transition and to ambitious investments in green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and rapidly decarbonize our economy;*
 - 9. Recognises a new global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate a just transition to renewable energy*
 - 10. Notes that other leading cities including Barcelona, Toronto, Los Angeles, Sydney, and Cambridge (UK) have endorsed the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*
 - 11. Therefore, BCP Council endorses the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*
 - 12. Further that the relevant portfolio holder, on behalf of BCP Council send a letter to the Prime Minister of The United Kingdom urging the UK Government to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.'*
- 2. Desired outcome resulting from Overview and Scrutiny engagement, including the value to be added to the Council, the BCP area or its inhabitants.**

No formal direction was given by Council in this regard - scoping would be required by the O&S Board.

3. Background to the issue

The motion was provided to a meeting of the Council on 11 January 2022 by Councillor Chris Rigby. It was agreed by Council that the motion should be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration and report back to Council.

4. Proposed method of scrutiny - (for example, a committee report or a working group investigation)

No formal direction was given by Council in this regard - scoping would be required by the O&S Board.

5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work

No formal direction was given by Council in this regard - scoping would be required by the O&S Board.

6. Notes/ additional guidance

There is a requirement upon the Overview and Scrutiny Board is to consider the motion referred to it from Council and determine whether or not to exercise its powers of scrutiny by adding the item to its forward plan. Should it choose to do so the item must then be scoped, scrutinised, and a report supplied back to Council. Should it choose not to exercise its powers to scrutinise, the Board must supply reasons to Council for this.

Further detail is available within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules at Part 4 of the BCP Constitution.

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