

Date of meeting 20 October 2022

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

Cost-of-living and Energy Crisis

That changes are made as shown below in ***bold italics*** and strikethrough.

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- a) Lacklustre response to the cost-of-living crisis it has helped create, particularly regarding rising energy costs;
- b) Decision to lift the ban on fracking, identifying ~~the Jurassic Weald Basin as a possible sites~~ ***across the country*** despite scientists and economists warning ***that*** fracking will not ease the energy crisis or bring down utility bills but will imperil climate targets;

Therefore, Council resolves to:

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- ~~• The ban on fracking to be reinstated;~~
- ~~• Adopting a Warm Homes Plan~~
- ~~• Adopting plans to form a GB Energy Company;~~
- ~~• Adopting plans for green growth and self-sufficient zero carbon power by 2030~~

2. Welcomes existing work, reported to P&R, Item 59, 6th October 2022*, supporting residents with energy and fuel costs;

3. ~~Requests officers explore all avenues to obtain further support for residents warming homes this winter, including grant funding and best practices from other local authorities;~~ ***Welcomes existing work, reported to Housing Committee, on the expansion of the Warm Safe Homes Grant and further retrofit work***

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5. ~~Requests that officers consider~~ ***Recognises that P& R's recommendation on 6th October 2022 was to support*** the use of all council-owned public spaces, including libraries, schools and museums as 'warm zones', for those in need, ~~and that officers consider reaching out to private and public sector anchor institutions in the city to encourage them to contribute spaces to the 'warm bank' network;~~ ***subject to assessment, which was further outlined in appendix 2 of the report***

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Proposed by: Cllr Allbrooke

Seconded by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Motion to read if carried:

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