

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
26 NOVEMBER 2024

Minutes of the Climate Change Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a remote attendance meeting on Tuesday, 26 November 2024

PRESENT: **Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson (Chair)**
Councillors: Mike Allport, Steve Cople, Ron Davies, Mared Eastwood,
David Healey, Simon Jones and Allan Marshall

SUBSTITUTION: Councillor Gina Maddison for Councillor Mel Buckley

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Chris Dolphin (Cabinet Member for Economy,
Environment and Climate), Councillor Richard Jones
(Cabinet Member for Transformation and Assets), Chief
Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Climate
Change Project Officer, Roberta Bailey, Procurement
Business Partner - Decarbonisation, (for item 25),
Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services
Officer

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

22. MINUTES ([link to recording](#))

RESOLVED:

That the ([minutes \(agenda item no.3\)](#)) of the meeting held on 6 September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

23. ACTION TRACKING ([link to recording](#))

The Democratic Services Manager agreed to provide an update on the progress of any outstanding actions at the next meeting [report \(agenda item no.4\)](#)

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the progress which has been made.

24. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ([link to recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) presented the amended [Terms of Reference \(agenda item no.5\)](#) for the Committee as approved by the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee on Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

The Democratic Services Manager advised that the Constitution and Democratic Services Committee had made one minor amendment to the Terms of Reference at paragraph 9.16.5.3. The Terms of Reference would be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council on 4 December 2024 for formal ratification.

25. DECARBONISATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN ([link to recording](#))

Roberta Bailey, Procurement Business Partner - Decarbonisation, gave a [presentation \(agenda item no.6\)](#) on Procurement Decarbonisation.

In response to a suggestion made by Councillor David Healey, the Democratic Services Manager agreed to discuss with the Procurement Business Partner how Overview & Scrutiny Committees could potentially assist with the issues raised during her presentation.

26. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN ([link to recording](#))

The Climate Change Project Officer presented the [report \(agenda item no.7\)](#) to receive the finalised Local Area Energy Plan (LEAP) for Flintshire and recommend endorsement by Cabinet.

Councillor David Healey proposed that the Committee also recommend that the Cabinet considers the report produced by the Coal Authority on Mine Water in conjunction with the LAEP. This was duly seconded.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee recommends that Cabinet endorses the attached Flintshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) Main Report and Technical Report (Appendix 1 and 2), understanding that the LAEP actions assigned to Flintshire County Council are subject to securing and maintaining necessary funding; and
- (b) That the Committee also recommends that the Cabinet considers the report produced by the Coal Authority on Mine Water in conjunction with the LAEP.

27. INQUIRIES UPDATE ([link to recording](#))

The Chair provided an update on matters regarding the Pensions Inquiry and the Flooding Inquiry. He also introduced the draft [report \(agenda item no.8\)](#) on the Committee's Inquiry into surface water flooding and proposed the following motions:

- (a) That the Climate Change Committee approves the appended draft Inquiry report into surface water flooding;
- (b) That the Committee refers the report to County Council; and

- (c) That the Committee calls on County Council to adopt the report and if it is the view of Council to refer the recommendations that do not relate to full Council to the relevant bodies for their consideration.

The proposals were duly seconded.

Councillor Alan Marshall proposed that the motion be amended as follows so that names are removed from the report before submission to County Council:

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4th paragraph – remove the reference to Councillor Sam Swash

5th paragraph remove the last sentence

6th paragraph delete the reference to Mr Roberts from the first sentence and replace the ref to Councillor Swash to ‘the first witness’ in the second sentence

The amendment was seconded. When put to the vote the motion, as amended, was carried.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the appended draft Inquiry report into surface water flooding be amended as detailed above prior to submission to County Council; and
- (b) That the Committee calls on County Council to adopt the report and if it is the view of Council to refer the recommendations that do not relate to full Council to the relevant bodies for their consideration.

28. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS AND PURPOSES ([link to recording](#))

The Forward Work Programme (agenda item no.9) was appended to the agenda for consideration.

29. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

None.

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 11.56 am)

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Chair

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