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Summary

Five Notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with Rule 3 in Part 4.1 of the Constitution - Council Procedure Rules and are listed in order of the date received.

Motion 1 Received 02/062021 @ 14:08

Proposer Cllr Dr T Barrett

Seconder Cllr G Barrett

That the Council notes that:

- (i) *humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350-ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;*
- (ii) *in order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;*
- (iii) *individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;*
- (iv) *carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;*
- (v) *unfortunately, the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050;*
- (vi) *the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, published in the autumn of 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, and local communities;*
- (vii) *Councils and Parliaments around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and committing resources to address this emergency;*

That the Council believes that:

- (viii) all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate Breakdown, and local governments should be proactive to change their policies. It is important for the residents of Brentwood Borough Council and the UK that local authorities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible;*
- (ix) the consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's priority;*
- (x) bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities (as well as improved well-being for people worldwide); and*

That the Council resolves to:

- (xi) declare a 'Climate Emergency';*
- (xii) pledge to do everything within the Council's power to make Brentwood Borough Council area carbon neutral by 2030;*
- (xii) seek the provision to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;*
- (xiii) work with other authorities (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;*
- (xiv) continue to work with partners across the borough and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;*

Motion 2 Received 02/06/2021 @ 15:47

Proposer Cllr Dr T Barrett

Seconder Cllr G Barrett

The Council resolves that all future Brentwood Borough Council backed or part backed developments, including those through the Brentwood Development Partnership, SAIL and other subsidiary companies will at a minimum meet the guidance on design and amenity standards set out in both Brentwood & Essex design guides.

Motion 3 Received 02/06/2021 @ 15:47

Proposer Cllr Dr T Barrett

Seconder Cllr G Barrett

The Council resolves that all future Brentwood Borough Council backed or part backed developments, including those through the Brentwood Development Partnership, SAIL and other subsidiary companies will be compliant with the 35% affordable housing requirement or provide the market rate sum to purchase the equivalent property/properties in the Borough for use as affordable housing in lieu of this requirement.

Motion 4 Received 29.6.2021 @ 12.22

Proposer Cllr Aspinell

Seconder Cllr Lewis

This Council resolves that all Members serving on outside bodies should present to the Council an Annual Report of their actions and those of the body they have been appointed to. Additionally, where outside bodies may have financial implications to the Council, Members should report back to the appropriate Ordinary Council following all meetings of that body.

This action is taken to prevent any future reputational and/or financial damage occurring to the Council such as happened over the Brentwood Centre closure following the Brentwood Leisure Trust's collapse into administration and the financial burden this has placed on future Council budgets and the loss of amenities to our residents.

This could have been avoided had the Members appointed to that outside body reported back faithfully to the Council their involvement in the Trusts actions.

Motion 5 Received 29.6.2021 @ 12.22

Proposer Cllr Mynott

Seconder Cllr Naylor

In June 2019, a motion was submitted proposing that the Council go through an Article 4 process to remove permitted development rights on the conversion of office space to residential accommodation, in specific areas of the borough, and to reinstate the normal Planning process for such proposed conversions.

That motion was carried with overwhelming cross party support. However, in the two years since then, no step has yet been taken to achieve what was agreed. Recent claims have, moreover, been made that Council acquisitions of a handful of commercial properties in the borough might somehow defend Brentwood borough from the numerous drawbacks of unrestrained office conversion. Nevertheless piecemeal property acquisition cannot address across the board issues of the kind caused by permitted development rights on office conversions.

This council will abide by its decision of June 26th 2019 on the previous motion, and requests that legal advice is sought on the introduction of an Article 4 restriction be undertaken, as agreed.