

**UNADOPTED  
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



**CLIMATE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Climate Committee meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Council Chambers 49, High Street, Polegate 10:15am

**Present:** Cllrs D Murray, S Shing, M Piper, M Cunningham

**Not Present:** Cllrs D Dunbar, J Heward, A O’Kane

No members of the public present Cllr D Watts was in the public gallery

| Minute Number | Resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>13736</b>  | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>Cllrs O’Kane (work), J Heward (work), D Dunbar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>13737</b>  | <b>Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda</b><br>None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>13738</b>  | <b>Wealden District Council Climate Green Paper response</b><br>A discussion took place on the devolution and whether the Local Plan or the policies that were being formed by Wealden currently would stand. It was also discussed that with the amount of building that was being allowed, the sustainability Climate Green Paper, whilst addressing many good points would be inconsequential in light of the amount of houses being built in Wealden and in particular in the Polegate and surrounding areas. The loss of green space and habitats in the area already approved by Wealden District Council would not be mitigated by this plan/policy. It was considered that this would therefore not help or improve or save the environment locally.<br><br><u><b>It was resolved to not submit a formal comment but to informally comment that with the unitary authority being in process now, and Wealden District Council ceasing to exist they felt that the response would not be useful. It was likely that the Local Plan would not continue/be invalid. The sustainability Climate Green Paper, whilst addressing many good points would be inconsequential in light of the amount of houses being built in Wealden and in particular in the Polegate and surrounding areas. The loss of green space and habitats in the area already approved by Wealden District Council would not be mitigated by this plan/policy. It was considered that this would therefore not help or improve or save the environment locally. VOTE All in favour.</b></u> |

The meeting closed at 10:31am

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Climate Committee

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