



**Notices of Motion for consideration by Council at the Meeting of the Council  
on Monday, 16 July 2018**

**1. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Ient has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:**

**Renewable Energy Schemes**

“That from 1 September 2019 new housing and business/commercial planning applications to Lewes District Council should usually include the provision of a 'renewable energy scheme'; and that any such scheme would not become binding on the applicant unless included by the local planning authority as a condition of any planning permission granted.

That officers:

- Seek to incorporate requirements to this effect in local plan policy, in accordance with planning policy legislation, at the very earliest opportunity, and
- Use best endeavours to ensure that the South Downs National Park Authority does likewise.”

(Sub-text to the motion: The applicant would propose a scheme and offer an analysis of its viability or otherwise. Council officers could then advise members as to whether any particular development is suitable for a renewable energy scheme thus leading to the conditioning of the planning permission in appropriate cases).

**2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor lent has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:**

**New Sites for Air Quality Monitoring Stations**

Preamble: There is an air monitoring station near the Needlemakers car Park in Lewes. This motion deals with the possibility of additional new air monitoring stations. I will provide further information as to why I am proposing this.

“I propose that the Lewes District Council apply for funding from the government for 2 new air quality monitoring stations. One of these to be sited in the vicinity of Malling Street on the A26 in Lewes. The other to be a mobile station which can be used in key locations where information from NOx tubes is either unavailable or doesn't give the full picture of pollution. This latter portable machine could be used:

- In urban areas on the A259 in such places as Peacehaven and Seaford.
- In rural locations where there is congestion and potentially pollution is occurring. Examples of such rural locations are on the C7 at Piddinghoe and at level crossings like Cooksbridge on the A275.
- On trunk roads (by agreement with Highways England such as the A27 Lewes bypass and on the A27 near Firle.”

**3. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor lent has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:**

**Clean Air Strategy 2018**

Preamble: The government has released its draft consultation on air quality: 'Clean Air Strategy 2018'. The consultation closes on 14 August 2018.

This strategy includes priorities for health, housing, transport, education, local economies, green spaces and the quality of life.

It gives local authorities greater powers in relation to clean air zones, the use of diesel powered machinery, diesel and petrol vehicles, control of biomass and other forms of combustible energy generation. It strengthens planning control in relation to air quality

I am concerned that government ministers are trying to water down some of the intentions of this strategy. Richard Harris, the Business Minister, has already suggested the delaying of some so-called 'ultraclean combustible' engine vehicles beyond 2040. Therefore, I believe it is important to support the Secretary of State for the Environment and welcome the strategy and ask him not to accede to suggestions that the strategy should be relaxed in any way.

Therefore, I propose the following motion:

“That this Council write to the Secretary of State for the Environment and warmly welcome the new strategy and the powers it will give to local authorities to improve air quality. At the same time, we would ask the Secretary of State not to accede to any pressures to relax the 2040 target for removing all petrol and diesel cars and vehicles from the roads of the United Kingdom. Additionally, we would ask the Secretary of State to ensure he provide sufficient funds and powers to allow local authorities to implement the strategy.”

**4. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Ient has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:**

**Current funding for dealing with air pollution**

Quite separately to the above-mentioned strategy, I understand that the government will provide an extra £255m to help councils implement their plans, which could come into force as soon as 2020. Whilst some of this money will go to the county councils and cities I believe we in the Lewes District need our fair share. Accordingly, I propose:

“That this Council write to the Secretary of State for the Environment and asks for funding to expand the number of NOx tubes throughout the district especially near schools and to undertake a publicity campaign to help reduce CO2 and other polluting emissions into the atmosphere.”