



**Notices of motion for consideration by Council at the meeting on
Monday, 25 February 2019**

In accordance with council procedure rule 14, the following Councillors have given notice of the motions for the consideration of the Council:

1. Motion from Councillor Ient

Renewable Energy –

I propose this motion:

“That this Council resolves to bring forward the date for implementation of the renewable energy schemes motion which was carried on 16 July 2018 whereby the implementation period is brought forward from 1 September 2019 to 1 April 2019, in recognition that the Council is already in the position to put this in place from the earlier date of 1 April 2019 ”

2. Motion from Councillor Ient

Questions – Amendment to deadline for receipt

Preamble – The constitution currently requires receipt of questions not later than the close of business of the fourth working day before the meeting.

I propose this motion:

That paragraph 12.4 (a) of the constitution of the Lewes District Council be amended to read:

“they have given notice of the question to the Head of Democratic Services in writing or by electronic mail not later than close of business on the second working day before the meeting at which the question is to be asked; or”.

3. Motion from Councillor Rowell

Air Source Heat Pumps

Preamble - Lewes District Council has 3,200 council housing properties most of which will have a gas boiler. Approximately 200 boilers might be replaced every year. These boilers could be replaced with those harnessing renewable energy. LDC is also building new properties which could be fitted with renewable energy systems. Air source heat pumps continue to come down in

price as well as becoming more efficient. The Government's Renewable Heat Incentive scheme means costs are subsidised and may bring the cost of installing and running an air source heat pump as comparable to conventional schemes.

I propose this motion:

This Council will set aside up to £10,000 to undertake a feasibility study to assess whether the capital and running costs involved to both the Council and tenants of installing air source heat pumps in existing and new properties is a viable option both in terms of cost and carbon emissions reduction for the future and report back to Cabinet by 30 June 2019, subject to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance identifying the funding for the feasibility study from limited contingency monies contained in the Council budget for 2019/20.

4. Motion from Councillor Linington

Clearing Litter on A26 and A27

Preamble - Clearing litter from our District's roads is a major issue for our Council with the A26 and A27 posing particular problems. Over the past 4 years around £150k has been spent clearing up the A26 and A27 including £40k for 9 days of litter picking over both routes. In February 2018, 155 bags of rubbish were collected over 4 nights between the Southerham roundabout and Falmer. Within 4-6 weeks after a litter pick the A26 and A27 revert back to the way they were before the pick. In order to reach acceptable levels of litter clearance at least 8 full litter picks per year (nearly half of the Council's entire street cleaning budget) would be needed. Staff can only operate safely on the carriageways when there is an official closure of the roads, which occurs 2-3 times per year. Otherwise the Council has to pay for possession of the road which is very expensive as a traffic management company has to be hired to co-ordinate this. The responsibility for clearing litter from some all-purpose trunk roads has been transferred to Highways England in various parts of England.

I propose this motion:

This Council calls on the Secretary of State for Transport, working as necessary with the Secretary of State for the Environment, to achieve the transfer of responsibility for clearing litter from the A26 and A27 within Lewes District to Highways England and that the Cabinet Member for the Environment shall write to the Secretary of State for Transport to make the case for this.

5. Motion from Councillor Rowell

Tackling Littering

Preamble - Litter is an increasing problem in Lewes Town and across the district. In order to tackle the problem of litter, groups of volunteers have sprung up to collect litter on a regular basis. Volunteering is to be commended but it is a Lewes District Council responsibility to deal with problem litter in the

district. There may be a number of issues which have led to the increase in litter but the Council needs an ongoing strategy for dealing with it that does not rely on ad hoc volunteering.

I propose this motion:

This Council will therefore set aside up to £50,000 to devise and implement a strategy that will look at education, prevention, extra bins and extra staff to reduce and if possible eliminate the reliance on volunteers to keep Lewes District clean and tidy, subject to Officers being instructed to provide an early report to Cabinet setting out a business case for the strategy and its implementation, including identification of the cost implications and a proposal for how this will be funded from limited contingency monies contained in the Council budget for 2019/20.

6. Motion from Councillor Denis

Drug Litter

Preamble - Drug litter, including needles, syringes, packaging, wipes and sharps boxes, increasingly plague the more secluded areas, such as playing fields and playgrounds; a problem which is particularly noticeable in our towns. Our Neighbourhood First teams are great responders when contacted, but many who raise this issue on the doorstep do not know how to report this problem or to whom. The Council can and should encourage more effective reporting and use gathered intelligence to identify priority areas for targeted ongoing clearance. It should work with other agencies to look for insight into reducing drug litter in the first place.

I propose this motion:

That this Council will put in place a strategic approach to drug litter and refuse by facilitating and encouraging reporting, using reporting evidence to prioritise regular clean-ups of frequently used areas and by working with such other agencies towards reducing litter.

7. Motion from Councillor Denis

Tackling Dog Poo

Preamble - Dog poo bags greet walkers at nature spots, alongside footpaths and at any green space suitable for dog walking; each community has its own hot spots. The Council needs to introduce to the District schemes such as the Dog Poo Fairy (Keep Britain Tidy) which encourages people to bag AND bin it, currently in operation in Eastbourne or Green Dog Walkers, as used in Aberdeen, for example, where green dog walkers pledge to: clean up after their dog, carry extra dog waste bags, be happy to be approached to 'lend' a dog waste bag to those without, and to be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

I propose this motion:

That this Council will introduce such measures as Green Dog Walkers, Dog Poo Fairy, or other suitable methodology to reduce the incidence of dog poo

and bagged dog poo left in our amenity and green spaces at the earliest opportunity.

8. Motion from Councillor Denis

Graffiti

Preamble - Graffiti is a growing problem in parts of our District. According to Keep Britain Tidy's report "Good Graffiti Bad Graffiti" people do not report graffiti as they do not believe local councils will address it. Undealt-with graffiti contributes to people's lack of community wellbeing and depletes council resources. The same report studies people's attitude to graffiti, and notes that some graffiti such as urban art is considered "good" and others such as tagging or offensive graffiti as troublesome. As reductions in other services such as youth services hit harder, there is less and less to involve young people and so graffiti grows. This motion calls on this Council to form a joined up strategy with partners from the county council, town and parish councils, community groups and other agencies with an interest in Graffiti, to work together to come up with a local strategy that looks at prevention, enforcement, and removal and considers how best to work with young people to create graffiti spaces, where urban art or graffiti is an asset to the environment. Our Council could lead the way in inspiring youth and community groups to work together with us to tackle the problem of under-reporting, cleaning, enforcement of illegal graffiti, including the creation of some legal graffiti spaces. The first step would be to form a multi-organisational working group involving young people to create a strategy.

I propose this motion:

This Council will

- a) work with young people and strategic partners to address graffiti by:
 - supporting the creation of legitimate creative graffiti spaces;
 - encouraging reporting and prompt removal of graffiti which impacts negatively on communities;
 - considering resourcing a longer-term plan to reduce the incidence of graffiti.
- b) In the meantime, actively encourage the reporting of graffiti through the Council's reporting app, Report It! (rather than Fix my Street), or by otherwise contacting the Council.

9. Motion from Councillor Adeniji

Provision of Changing Places Toilets

Preamble - Everyone in the District has a right to live in the community, to move around within it and access all its facilities, but for some people the lack of a fully accessible toilet is denying them this right. This can include people with profound and multiple learning disabilities or with physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis. Their needs can be met by a Changing Places toilet, which costs in the region of £12-15k, and has more

space and the right equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench and a hoist. According to the website www.changing-places.org, only one changing places toilet exists in the district, and that is in the Warwick Day services in Seaford and has restricted opening hours.

Providing Changing Places toilets in public places would make a dramatic difference to the lives of thousands of people who desperately need such facilities.

I propose this motion:

That this Council actively pursues the provision of more Changing Places toilets in the district by

- When upgrading or renovating any of its toilets considering whether a changing Places toilet can be installed in addition to standard accessible toilets and managed from the location;
- When installing new public toilets considering whether a changing Places toilet as well as standard accessible toilets can be installed and managed from the location; and
- Encouraging its partners and campaigning for the provision of Changing Places toilets in the district with the aim of having at least one Changing Place Toilet in every Town.