

NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. Frea. Seconded by Cllr. Clifford.

This Council acknowledges;

- the historic commitments made at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris toward the future of renewable energy;
- our responsibility to help secure an environmentally sustainable future for our residents and in relation to the global effects of anthropogenic climate change.

This Council subsequently notes that;

- despite the Paris Agreement placing no binding commitments upon Local Government institutions, we as a Council can still play our part in the global movement towards a sustainable energy future;
- additional benefits of the development of green industries include the potential for create well-paid, high-skilled employment locally, regionally and nationally;
- the UK100 Agreement pledge outlines the ambition for the UK regions to exceed the Paris Climate targets through achieving 100% 'clean energy' usage by 2050.

In light of this, this Council, therefore, resolves to;

- match the ambitions of the UK100 Agreement by pledging to achieve 100% clean energy across Lancaster City Council's Council's full range of functions by 2050.
- work in partnership with our residents and business community to deliver against the commitments made nationally and internationally at the 2015 Paris Summit;
- turn these commitments into reality through developing a 'route map' to a sustainable future, working together with the business, educational and residential communities of Lancaster and Morecambe as part of an integrated approach to a shared sustainable future.

OFFICER COMMENTS

Information on the UK100 Agreement is widely available. Many Councils have already 'signed' up to it. It reads that the intention is to articulate the Council's support rather than 'sign up'. If it is the latter then any cost of joining would obviously need to be considered. Either way, it is entirely appropriate for Lancaster City Council to consider this. Clearly a decision to do so will then require appropriate supporting policies, plans, budgets etc. The long term timeframe allows appropriate planning to take place.

MONITORING OFFICER COMMENT

There is no legal barrier to prevent Lancaster City Council, if it so wishes, to agree this proposal.

DEPUTY SECTION 151 OFFICER COMMENTS

It is unclear from the current proposal if there are any initial, or ongoing costs associated in entering any agreement with UK100, or if the Council making a general statement of intent in support of UK100's aims. Any longer term financial implications resulting from entering into any agreement would need to be considered as part of the normal Council budget framework, which would allow for due consideration by Members.