



South Tyneside Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 6.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, South Shields, for the transaction of the business indicated below:

Agenda

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Council 13 June 2019 Pages 1- 8
3. Mayor's Announcements or Communications
4. To consider a report of the Corporate Director Children, Adults and Health providing an update on Children's Services Pages 9-16
5. To consider a report of the Acting Corporate Director Economic Regeneration providing an update on Strategic Transport Pages 17-24
6. To consider a report of the Acting Corporate Director Economic Regeneration on Flood Alleviation in South Tyneside Pages 25-28
7. To consider a report of the Operations Director on Leisure Services –Record Levels of Membership and Admissions Pages 29-36
8. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 to deal with questions (if any) in the following order:
 - Questions from members of the Public
 - Questions from Elected Members
 - Questions from Elected Members to Representatives of the Police, Integrated Transport and Fire Authorities

9. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 to deal with the following petitions:

Petition 1 – Opposing South Tyneside and Sunderland Councils Financing in any way the ‘Path to Excellence Programme’ that will downgrade South Tyneside Hospital Services (991 signatories)

Petition 2 – Save South Tyneside Hospital – No Financing for the downgrade of South Tyneside Hospital (on line petition – 1005 signatories)

Petition 3 – St Paul’s Road, Jarrow – all trees are maintain and any road surface improvements incorporate all current trees

10. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 to consider the following Notice of Motion:

Motion 1

The Council notes that:

1. The recent 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states that we have just 11 years to act if global temperature rises are to be kept to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Failing to meet this target would subject us to catastrophic social and ecological impacts, which will worsen for every degree of warming.
 2. Climate change constitutes a significant risk to the people of South Tyneside.
 3. Due to our coastal and riverside location, South Tyneside is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate breakdown. Curbing temperature rises to 1.5 degrees would still produce an increase in sea-level, causing certain streets in South Tyneside to become uninhabitable. A greater temperature increase will amplify this affect, resulting in more homes lost.
 4. Climate-breakdown-induced sea level rises have the potential to significantly affect tourism and thus poses a risk to the local economy. Sea-level models state that a 1.5 degreetemperature increase would cause key landmarks such as the Amphitheatre, Fair and Customs House to be lost to the sea. These sea level increases will be experienced within decades should we fail to act decisively now.
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5. South Tyneside Council has already shown foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing the issue of Climate Breakdown, having pledged to cut carbon emissions in the borough by at least 20% by 2020.
6. Unfortunately, our current plans and actions are not enough, with the world on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050.
7. City Councils around the world are thus responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and committing resources to address this emergency. Gateshead, Sunderland and Newcastle councils have already declared a climate emergency, and the Conservative-led council in Northumberland has also agreed to do so.

This Council resolves to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
 2. Take all necessary steps to make the borough of South Tyneside carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3);
 3. Set an interim target of cutting carbon emissions in the borough by at least 60% by 2025;
 4. Lead by example and commit to making South Tyneside Council and all its operations carbon neutral by 2023;
 5. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make meeting these targets possible;
 6. Produce a comprehensive Action Plan for the next five years which will be operational within six months. The Plan will detail how the Council will meet both of its 2023 and 2025 carbon reduction targets, and set annual carbon reduction targets;
 7. Ensure that fairness and community empowerment are at the heart of all climate policies by establishing a Citizens' Assembly, comprised of people of all demographics, to ensure that the formation and implementation of the Action Plan serves to benefit our most vulnerable communities.
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8. Be accountable to the public by publishing a bi-annual report detailing emission reduction progress and feedback from the Citizens' Assembly. The conclusions of this report will be discussed every six months at a Full Council meeting.
9. Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets, and policy documents are in-line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030;

Councillors: Francis (proposer)
Thompson (seconder)
P Milburn
Roberts
Robertson
Hamilton

Martin Swales
Chief Executive
