

South Hams Council



Title:	Agenda																														
Date:	Thursday, 29th June, 2023																														
Time:	2.00 pm																														
Venue:	Council Chamber - Follaton House																														
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Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.																														
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- 1. Minutes** **1 - 14**

to approve as a correct record the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on 25 May 2023;
- 2. Urgent Business**

the Chairman to announce if any item not on the agenda should be considered on the basis that he considers it as a matter of urgency (any such item to be dealt with under ‘Business Brought forward by the Chairman’);
- 3. Exempt Information**

to consider whether the consideration of any item of business would be likely to disclose exempt information and if so the category of such exempt information;
- 4. Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests and Non-Registerable Interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;
- 5. Business Brought Forward by the Chairman**

to consider business (if any) brought forward by the Chairman;
- 6. Reports of Bodies**

to receive and as may be necessary approve the minutes and recommendations of the under-mentioned Bodies:

(* Indicates minutes containing recommendations to Council).
- (a) Development Management Committee - 7 June 2023** **15 - 24**
- 7. Public Question Time** **25 - 26**

From Mr John Grocock

“Recent Liberal Democrat literature informed us there are ‘766 households in urgent need of affordable rented accommodation’. Once the action plan to tackle this has been published, how frequently, and by what means (other than online), will the public be updated on progress?”

8. Questions on Notice from Members

to consider the following question(s) (if any) received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

9. Notice of Motion

to consider the following motions received (if any) in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

a. From Cllr McKay and Cllr Abbott

'A priority for this Council is to address the challenges of climate change by reducing emissions across the district of South Hams and to prepare the area for the inevitable consequences of global warming.

This Council will set itself goals based on the latest climate science, and in the interests of its residents and beyond strive to achieve these. However, it recognises that it will need help from central government in terms of both funding and legislation.

It is therefore essential that this Council, in partnership with other Local Authorities, either directly or through the LGA, vigorously and persistently lobbies central government for the support that is desperately needed to effectively address the threats to our communities as a result of climate change.

Of immediate importance are the problems community renewable energy projects face, which can only be dealt with through changes to legislation. Currently, to become an energy supplier, it is necessary to enter into highly complex network agreements and grid balancing codes that make the cost prohibitive.

The Local Electricity Bill was an attempt to address this by the introduction of:

- a) A Community Electricity Export Guarantee: which would create a right for sites that generate low carbon electricity with a capacity below 5 megawatts to export their electricity to an existing electricity supplier on fair terms.*
- b) A Community Electricity Supplier Services Scheme: which would create a requirement on existing larger energy suppliers to work with community schemes to sell the power they generate to local customers. Existing suppliers could charge a fee for doing this, but that fee must be reasonable.*

The Local Electricity Bill has now been absorbed into the Energy Bill as clauses 272 and 273. The Energy Bill is at its Committee stage, and has still to progress through its Report and 3rd Reading stages before it becomes law. It

is an enormous bill.

The need for community based local renewable energy schemes is becoming increasingly urgent if we are to drive down eCO2 emissions, provide energy security for our residents while also addressing the cost of energy for residents and businesses alike.

This Council therefore resolves that:

- 1. It recognises the urgent need for community energy generation projects and the need to create the legislative environment in which they can succeed.*
- 2. It fully supports clauses 272 and 273 of the Energy Bill and urges government to speed the passage of the Energy Bill or, in recognition of the importance of clauses 272 and 273, to allow the Local Electricity Bill to proceed separately and at speed.*
- 3. It will write to our local MPs and the leaders of all the UK political parties emphasising the importance of community energy projects and the urgent need to expedite changes to legislation to make them viable.*
- 4. It will seek to partner with other Local Authorities both directly and through the LGA to lobby parliament to achieve the legislative changes.*
- 5. It will publicise, through all suitable media channels, the importance of the need for changes to legislation to allow community energy projects to succeed.'*