

Dear Peter (*Cllr Peter Baillie – Chair of OSMC*)

Thank you for listening to our members at the scrutiny panel last Thursday and for making the recommendation that our points on the green charter be considered by cabinet. As alluded to in the meeting ours are more ideas on strategic objectives and those of the green resistance are more the possible flesh and bones of the charter.

A bullet point summary of we would like to see in the charter is:

- A reiteration of the state of climate emergency as the opening framework for the charter

- A commitment to carbon neutrality by between 2025 and 2030 including a definition of the scope of carbon emissions to be reduced i.e. scope 1 - direct consumption of fossil fuels, scope 2- indirect consumption through electricity heat and cooling networks and scope 3 - indirect emissions inherent in goods and services i.e. a review of procurement policy

- A commitment to lobby Westminster for powers and funding to make the carbon neutrality target possible

- A commitment to form a citizens assembly to work alongside council on the green charter, with voting rights and access to expert advice

We believe from conversations with Steve Leggett that all of these are things that are already being worked on behind the scenes so we hope it would not be too much of a leap to include them in the charter.

I also attach the recent climate emergency motions passed by Portsmouth and the one from Bristol adapted to Southampton (we changed 2030 to 2025 in this attachment otherwise the wording is the same save some locally-specific comments) as examples of the wording used by other councils making similar commitments. Whether or not these commitments are enshrined in a council motion or a green charter ratified by full council doesn't really matter to us so long as everybody is on board.

I will leave it to you to disseminate the contents of this email as you see fit and we look forward to attending the cabinet meeting on 16th.

Kind regards

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