

Report to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Council Motions

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Purpose of the Report

To provide the Health Scrutiny Committee with a summary of the health-related motions that were debated by Council on 10 July 2019.

Recommendations

The Health Scrutiny Committee is requested to determine how to proceed with the resolution.

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1 Background

The following health-related motion was debated at the Council meeting on Wednesday 20 July 2019:

- Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

2 Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

“Council welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to the delivery of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the world community at the United Nations in September 2015. The goals form part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which seeks to eradicate extreme poverty, address inequality and injustice, and promote sustainable development and peace.

The goals are to:

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Wishing to replicate the UK Government’s position on the goals, this Council resolves to make a similar commitment to their delivery, as far as is practicable and within its power and resources, and calls upon the Health and Overview and

Scrutiny Boards to identify the work that is already being done by the Council and its partners and what more can be done, and to present a report with its finding and recommendations to a future meeting of full Council.”

3 Overview and Scrutiny Board

The above motion was also referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board who discussed the motion at their meeting on 23 July 2019.

An excerpt from the minutes of the discussion at Overview and Scrutiny Board is as follows:

“The Board discussed the motion. Health Scrutiny would also be involved in the resolution of the motion. The issues would be raised with the relevant officers who had an understanding and information available to invite contributions. A deadline for the response would be given with information coordinated into a progress report. The information would then form one report to be reported back to the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Full Council.

RESOLVED that:

...The 17 goals be provided to officers who had an understanding of the issue, with responses co-ordinated into one report to come back to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.”

4 Recommendation

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