

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council                                 **DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

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### **PART I** **FOR DECISION**

#### **MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14**

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

**A) Air Quality**

(Moved by Councillor Strutton, seconded by Councillor Kelly)

"This Council resolves to

a) Acknowledge

- That Slough has one of the highest levels of air pollution related deaths in the South East, and that roadside Nitrogen Dioxide emissions has a direct impact on both the environment, and public health.
- That raising local awareness and understanding of air pollution in the town, by mitigating the environmental impact of fireworks and using innovative technologies to tackle roadside Nitrogen Dioxide emissions, will improve air quality in Slough.

b) Agrees to

- Raise public awareness of air pollution, building on the example of Sheffield City Council, by forming a local community group to be involved in monitoring local air pollution through the use of low cost diffusion tubes, to build local understanding of air pollution and to engage the local community in assessing and taking action on local issues.
- To implement a Zero Emissions Network (ZEN) across Slough to offer advice to businesses who wish to reduce their emissions.
- To trial innovative approaches and technologies to tackle roadside Nitrogen Dioxide emissions.
- To actively promote a public awareness campaign in Slough regarding the use of fireworks, and informing users of the steps that can be taken to mitigate their effects on wildlife, and the environment."
- Implement more stringent environmental requirements in any Simplified Planning Zone (SPZ) within the Borough, requiring both Green Energy Production, rainwater collection and recycling.

**B) Universal Credit Payments**

(Moved by Councillor Akram, seconded by Councillor Hulme)

“This Council notes that the government plans, from April, to remove the £20 it added to Universal Credit payments to further support claimants in Slough, and therefore resolves to write to the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak and to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson demanding that the £20 increase to Universal Credit is made permanent and extended to claimants on legacy benefits.”