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Dear Councillor

FULL COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

Item 7 Questions from Members of the Public and Council

Please see the question below which was submitted following the publication of the agenda.

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.3 the following question was submitted to the Council from Councillor Rhona Holloway:

"On 17th October 2023 at Full Council the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change at the time, Councillor Melton put forward a motion that:

'This Council would adopt all 17 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for informing the Local Authorities, Policies, Work Programs, Functions and Initiatives'.

As part of that commitment the Council therefore agreed to the following:

- A. 'Adopt the UN SDGs as a framework for informing our local authority's policies, work programs, and initiatives.
- B. Contribute to the achievement of the UN SDGs through delivery of the Community Plan.
- C. Actively engage and collaborates with other local authorities, organisations, and community groups to share best practices, experiences, and lessons learned in advancing the UN SDGs.
- D. Receive an annual report from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change setting out the Council's contributions to the global agenda for sustainable development.

"By taking this step, we can also demonstrate our commitment to contribute to the global effort to achieve a more equitable, sustainable and resilient world for future generations'

Members are yet to receive any feedback on this motion or the annual report as outlined at D, and there is no mention on the Council's website of any activities or outcomes of this work.

I would therefore like to ask the Portfolio Holder for Climate and the Environment the following:-

What impact or influence has this motion had on the decisions the Council has made over the last year, what have been the tangible outcomes of adopting this motion and when can we expect to receive the annual report?"