



QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Wednesday 10 April 2019

1. QUESTION FROM MR SPURWAY (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)
Re: Exeter Transport Strategy and Climate Change

In view of the fact that the consultation document on the Exeter Transport Strategy did not mention climate change once, can Devon County Council ensure that;

(a) the Exeter Transport Strategy does refer to the Climate Emergency as a defining driver of policy;

(b) more radical policies are included in the strategy as a result; and

(c) there is a target within the strategy that requires transport to become carbon neutral by 2030 to reflect the importance of transport within the overall Devon-wide Carbon Plan.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR DAVIS

The representations made by Mr Spurway are noted and will be considered by officers, alongside other representations received, on the Exeter Transport Strategy consultation prior to the Strategy coming before Cabinet later this year.

2. QUESTION FROM MR WHITEHOUSE (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)
Re: Renewable Energy Targets

Council policy is to supply 30% of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. At present, the Council provides 0.3% from renewable resources (Environmental Performance Statement 2017/18).

Please advise how you intend to make up this shortfall.

Given that you have since declared a Climate Emergency, could you consider a more ambitious target?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR CROAD

The target is already ambitious as we've committed to sourcing 30% of our total energy requirement (electricity plus heat and transport) from renewable sources. This is more ambitious than the European Union's current target of 27% by the same date.

Our 2017 Renewable Energy Action Plan (Available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/environmental-policy>) provides a framework of approaches to using our assets to generate renewable energy.