

Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee

Friday 5 April 2019
10.00 am Taunton Library Meeting Room



To: The Members of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee

Cllr A Groskop (Chair), Cllr M Lewis (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Ham, Cllr B Filmer, Cllr John Hunt, Cllr L Leyshon, Cllr M Keating and Cllr T Munt

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1 **Public Question Time** (Pages 3 - 4)

The Chairman will allow members of the public to ask a question or make a statement about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. **These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chairman's discretion.**

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Item 8 Climate Change Strategy:

Nigel Behan, Unite Branch Secretary

Q1 The Meteorological Office use a variety of Climate Models including:

“HadCM3: Met Office climate prediction model

HadCM3 is a coupled climate model that has been used extensively for climate prediction, detection and attribution, and other climate sensitivity studies.

HadCM3 stands for the Hadley Centre Coupled Model version 3.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/modelling-systems/unified-model/climate-models/hadcm3>

Will the Task and Finish Group utilise the resources of the Met Office, The Environment Agency and other Climate Science bodies (Universities etc) and also consider studying Campaign Organisations’ mobilising methods – for example the “Campaign Against Climate Change” (<https://www.campaigncc.org/>)?

Q2 How will the Task and Finish Group take account of climate change sceptics - see this quote from Campaigncc.org website?

“Those who actively promote climate scepticism are well networked, and have been termed 'deniers' rather than sceptics because many show scant regard for the facts, while seizing avidly on any error in the work of climate scientists. This article discusses the psychology of climate change denial. To gain an understanding of the level of scientific consensus on climate change, a recent study examined every article on climate change published in peer-reviewed scientific journals over a 10-year period. Of the 928 articles on climate change the authors found, *not one of them disagreed* with the consensus position that climate change is happening or is human-induced.”

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