

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO 31 JANUARY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Q1 – Mr Cliff Goodman**

I very much welcome the Council's Corporate Strategy that included strategy on environment protection, and also the recent announcement that the community in Marshland St James has been selected as the starting point for net zero communities in West Norfolk.

I welcome these initiatives as good starting points and hope that Councillors across this council, relevant businesses and residents will buy into helping towards success.

Has the council any plans to make a programme of basic insulation to stop huge waste of energy escaping through poorly insulated roofs and walls part of the Corporate Strategy? and also is there a plan to ensure that the Corporate Strategy and Net Zero Communities proceed as live high importance projects with potential for warm homes that don't cost the earth; delivering on the aims with possible cost benefits to the council?

### **Q 2 - Mr Robert Shippey**

A 'climate emergency' was declared in 2021 under the previous Conservative administration, and a target set of 2035 for net-zero corporate emissions and borough-wide by 2050 (in line with UK law). I assume those targets are still in place, even though they were not included in the recent corporate strategy of this administration. The new corporate strategy says you aim to 'Lead by example by reducing our own carbon emissions'.

To address an emergency you must stop what you're doing, seek expert advice, reprioritise, and divert resources.

Since forming the new administration, has a plan been developed in line with the emergency to reach net zero by the 2035 or the 2050 target with tangible quantifiable steps? What budget has the new administration allocated to such a plan?