AGENDA ITEM

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QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

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(A) What can the council do to improve bus services for young people? Recently, the youth council has noticed bus frequencies have been further apart.

Answer (Councillor Briscoe):

We are working with partners to get bus companies and the HCC as Transport Authority to work better together to protect and expand local bus service. We are supporting local bids for electrification of bus services and an expansion of services. This is why I have a motion tonight to highlight what we will do.

(B) Following COP26, what are the council's plans to reduce the effects of climate change?

Answer (Councillor Gardner):

Following the Council's declaration of a Climate Change Emergency in 2019 we have been working hard with the public, stakeholders and climate change professionals to develop and adopt our Climate Change Strategy which highlights the way we can get to net zero carbon by 2030.

In SBC over the last year we have reduced our own emissions by over 1m tonnes of carbon. We are now focusing on reducing our emissions from our buildings and vehicles.

At the same time we are publicising ways everyone as individuals and businesses can reduce their own carbon emissions, as we can only reach our net zero 2030 goal if we all play our part.