

Report Title: ADDENDUM REPORT - AMENDMENT TO MOTION	
Motion by Councillor Iona Parker - Support for the Agricultural Sector	
Report to: Council	
Date: 23 rd July 2024	For: Debate
Key Decision: No	Decision Planner Ref No: N/A
Amendment Proposed by: Councillor James Abbott Amendment Seconded by: Councillor Tom Walsh	
Enquiries to: Emma Wisbey, Legal & Governance Manager	

1. Constitution Provisions

- 1.1 Further to the publication of the Council Agenda, Councillor James Abbott and Councillor Tom Walsh proposed and seconded an Amendment to the Motion. The Amendment was submitted in accordance with Rule 12:20 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution.
- 1.2 The Proposer and Seconder of the original Motion have declined to consent to the Amendment. Consequently, the Amendment is to be debated by Full Council.
- 1.3 Before the Amendment can be debated by Full Council, the Motion as submitted by Councillor Abbott is required to be moved and seconded. Before Full Council debates the Motion, Councillor Abbott will be invited to set out the Amendment.
- 1.4 If the Amendment is carried when put to the vote, the Motion as amended will be the Substantive Motion for debate.
- 1.5 In the event that the Proposer and Seconder of the Amendment to the Motion are not present at the meeting, the Chairman will seek a Proposer or Seconder (as the case may be) from those in attendance at the meeting. In the event that no Proposer or Seconder (as the case may be) comes forward, then the Amendment will be declared by the Chairman of the Council as having failed.

2. Amendment to Motion

- 2.1 The proposed Amendment to the Motion is set out below in paragraph 2.2 and seeks to add text of the Motion. The inserted text is in *red italics*. At paragraph 2.3 is the Motion edited to show the effect of the Amendment.

- 2.2 This Council recognises that the District is one of the most productive cereal growing regions in the country and that the agricultural sector contributes substantially to our *local* economy.

Furthermore, in an increasing geopolitically uncertain world, this Council recognises the importance of maintaining our nation's food security and the role that farmers in our district pay in feeding the national and protecting and enhancing the countryside.

This Council will ensure that its policies are conscious of the need to maintain food security.

The Council will also seek to promote the opportunities that may arise from the Biodiversity Net Gain requirements on new developments, *with the preference that Biodiversity Net Gain should be protected as much as possible on the development sites, then re-provided on sites as the next option and that offsite is the third option*, to provide an alternative income stream for farmers on land of lower agricultural quality.

- 2.3 To assist Members, the proposed Amended Motion is set out below:

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