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Adopting the UN Sustainable Development/Global Goals

St Helens Borough Council values the importance of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that address the global challenges we face. Many of these global challenges addressed in the UNs SDGs affect our council directly including poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation. Therefore, the Council recognises that we have a decade of action if we are to deliver the Goals by 2030.

The council realises that to meet the borough priorities, that are to:

- Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life
- Promote good health, independence and care across our communities
- Create safe and strong communities for our residents
- Support a strong, diverse and well-connected local economy
- Create a green, thriving and vibrant place to be proud of
- Be a modern, efficient and effective Council

We must engage thoroughly with the UN SGDs as they lay the foundations for a more sustainable way to positively develop the borough.

It is vital that all levels of government work together and the Council believes that local government is a key component to successful implementation of the SDGs.

Council notes that in 2019 the cross-party Local Government Association unanimously adopted a motion recognising the vital role that councils could play in planning, implementation and monitoring the UK's progress on meeting the ambitions of the Agenda 2030.

Therefore, this council resolves to:

1. Create a tracking document wherein the Council can monitor progress on the SDGs and map the targets that are relevant to the borough's priorities, using the LGA and UKSSD Sustainable Development Guide.
2. Formalise our commitment to the SDGs by following and adhering to the tracking document in subsequent policy making.
3. Ensure that all council reports and policy papers include an SDG assessment, indicating which goals will be met by the adoption of the recommendations within the reports.
4. Lobby central government for them to recognise the vital role local government must play in terms of the planning, implementation and monitoring in local areas, and fully resource councils to do that work, to deliver the UK's progress on meeting the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.