

Motion concerning loss of water supply on the Isle of Sheppey

Following the major emergency declared on the Isle of Sheppey on the 13th July 2022, resulting from the loss of water supply islandwide, and similar incidents in January 2016 and September 2017, this council resolves;

- 1) To undertake urgent investigations to ascertain whether legislation exists to enable the introduction of an emergency moratorium on determining planning applications for new housing on the Isle of Sheppey;
- 2) To ask the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group to consider commissioning an independent study into the sustainability of water infrastructure to form part of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan for the Local Plan Review and;
- 3) For the Chief Executive to make a formal complaint to the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) over the recent outage.

The Chief Executive is asked to write to the CEO of Southern Water to notify them of this decision. A copy of this complaint should also be issued to the MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey and the Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.