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For the public record

The following [email addresses](#) were formally notified of this issue on 27th November 2023.

The email addressed to the Clerks follows the [email list \(shown in blue below\)](#)

ALSO INCLUDED ... email correspondence

A. Email 16 November 2023 from 7 Concerned Citizens Cornwall to Phil Mason (Director) & Kate Kennally (CEO) Cornwall Council cc all Councillors

B. Email 10 November 2023 from Phil Mason (Director) to 7 Concerned Citizens

C. Email 03 November 2023 from 7 Concerned Citizens to Cornwall Council Executive Board & cc all Councillors

Email to Cornwall Clerks

From: Seven Concerned Citizens <cornwall@sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk>

Sent: 27 November 2023 19:59

To: adventparishmeeting@outlook.com <adventparishmeeting@outlook.com>; clerkaltarnunpc@gmail.com <clerkaltarnunpc@gmail.com>; antonyparishcouncil@gmail.com <antonyparishcouncil@gmail.com>; office@boconnoc.com <office@boconnoc.com>; peter.martin@bodmin.gov.uk <peter.martin@bodmin.gov.uk>; clerk@botusfleming.org.uk <clerk@botusfleming.org.uk>; boytonparishclerk@outlook.com <boytonparishclerk@outlook.com>; breageparishcouncil@btconnect.com <breageparishcouncil@btconnect.com>; pjordan1956@gmail.com <pjordan1956@gmail.com>; clerk@bude-stratton.gov.uk <clerk@bude-stratton.gov.uk>; clerk@budockparish.net <clerk@budockparish.net>; clerk@calstockparishcouncil.gov.uk <clerk@calstockparishcouncil.gov.uk>; enquiries@camborne-tc.gov.uk <enquiries@camborne-tc.gov.uk>; clerk@camelford-tc.gov.uk <clerk@camelford-tc.gov.uk>; cardinhamclerk@gmail.com <cardinhamclerk@gmail.com>; clerk@carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk <clerk@carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk>; clerk@carlyon-pc.gov.uk <clerk@carlyon-pc.gov.uk>; parish.clerk@chacewater.org <parish.clerk@chacewater.org>; colanpcclerk@gmail.com <colanpcclerk@gmail.com>; parish.clerk3@btinternet.com <parish.clerk3@btinternet.com>; clerk@crantock-pc.org.uk <clerk@crantock-pc.org.uk>; northtamertonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk <northtamertonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk>; clerk@crowan-pc.gov.uk <clerk@crowan-pc.gov.uk>; gargonauts@btinternet.com <gargonauts@btinternet.com>; curypc@btinternet.com <curypc@btinternet.com>; juliedowton@btinternet.com <juliedowton@btinternet.com>; clerk.deviocpc@btinternet.com <clerk.deviocpc@btinternet.com>; clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk <clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk>; cmassemccarthy@gmail.com <cmassemccarthy@gmail.com>; clerk@egloshayleparish.org.uk <clerk@egloshayleparish.org.uk>; egloskerry@outlook.com <egloskerry@outlook.com>; mark@falmouthtowncouncil.com <mark@falmouthtowncouncil.com>; debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk <debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk>; clerk@forraburymminsterparishcouncil.org.uk <clerk@forraburymminsterparishcouncil.org.uk>; sallyvincent957@btinternet.com <sallyvincent957@btinternet.com>; GermoeParishClerk@hotmail.com <GermoeParishClerk@hotmail.com>; clerk@gerransparishcouncil.org.uk <clerk@gerransparishcouncil.org.uk>

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Subject: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR THREAT TO THE REGION

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR THREAT TO THE REGION

We notify you of important recent correspondence sent to the Chief Executive, other senior Officers and all Councillors of Cornwall Council as copied inline below

This correspondence is also directly relevant to your Council and as such please copy and forward this message in full with attachments to all of your Councillors for their immediate attention as this is a matter of public interest which it is the public duty of your Councillors to properly consider and to address. Please also note the content yourself.

SUMMARY: SIGNIFICANT ORGANISATIONAL & MANAGEMENT FAILURES & ISSUES

Dear Clerk

This correspondence notifies and explains serious organisation and management issues identified concerning emergency planning and management, in part relating to the declaring of a climate emergency. [1](#)

Specifically highlighted is a wide spread institutional advisory bias and predetermination. This has NOT been identified and corrected by audit and governance for the past 4 years since declaring a climate emergency on 22nd January, 2019.

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Left uncorrected the issue poses an imminent and significant threat of harm to the region and its people from policies and plans that are being created through an organisation system that is NOT designed or developed for the purpose.

Furthermore, bringing this to the attention of the Cornwall Council Executive has highlighted:

- a) hubris within the senior management / leadership culture.
- b) a lack of organisation culture with 'process maturity' to deal openly and effectively with strategic risk warnings, strategic re-appraisal and dynamic 'critical' feedback which would be a necessary characteristic of 'process developed or mature' emergency planning and execution type organisations.
- c) a lack of awareness of how to engage appropriately with the gravity and nature of the issues being notified.

Have you been adequately and impartially advised with properly balanced information?

We urge all Councillors and Officers to take this opportunity to pause and scrutinise whether they have been adequately informed about the alleged climate emergency and the adverse implications from zero carbon plans on the region's economy and people in a fully balanced and impartial manner.

Specifically relating to Cornwall is a response to a recent regional climate consultation by CLINTEL, an independent climate policy watchdog endorsed by over 1800 experts and scientists (this can be found on our website

www.sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk) <https://sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk/torbay-1#bcb114d0-7634-46e8-b083-b793cf611556>

Please note that the adverse implications from the net zero policies pose catastrophic threats to the well-being of this region and its people and have unequivocally NOT been adequately assessed, understood and accounted for in current Council plans.

We suggest that Councillors consider becoming personal advocates of a 'critical voice' for inclusion and we assert that all relevant information and balancing narratives are heard in an open, impartial and equal manner in accordance with your public sector equality duty prior to important strategic decision-making.

Yours faithfully

Seven Concerned Citizens

Please visit our website for further details:

<http://www.sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk>

¹ Footnote:

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On 22 January 2019 Cornwall Council voted to 'declare a climate emergency'. This momentous decision and commitment, potentially requiring significant expenditure by Cornwall Council, Cornish residents and Cornish businesses was made on being briefed with only one single piece of 'evidence' i.e. the IPCC SR15 report.

Councillors when making this enormous decision were not provided with balancing evidence from the many hundreds of top independent scientists up to Nobel Laureate level such as those of CLINTEL: <https://clintel.org/> & the CO2 Coalition: <https://co2coalition.org/> whose joint climate declaration is that: "There is NO (man made) climate emergency". Subsequent 'Climate Change' presentations and reports to Cornwall Council and its Councillors seem similarly biased to only providing Councillors exclusively with the work of the IPCC whose findings alone Councillors appear to have been guided to solely rely on.

Furthermore Councillors seem to date not to have been made aware of the numerous and repeated serious criticisms of the work of the IPCC such in the 'Climategate' scandal and the critical review by the Inter Academy Council up to this year's damning Clintel report 'The Frozen Views of the IPCC': <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Clintel-The-Frozen-Climate-Views-of-the-IPCC-online-version.pdf> which documents alleged cherry picking of data, flawed computer modelling, bias etc. (See also 'Challenging NetZero with science' report pdf: <https://co2coalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Challenging-Net-Zero-with-Science-digital-CO2-Coalition.pdf> & Positive Impact of Human CO2 Emissions report pdf: <https://fcpp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Moore-Positive-Impact-of-Human-CO2-Emissions.pdf>)

Such advisory imbalance can only risk deep criticism that Councillor decisions have been predetermined by them having been given only one side of the evidence. This risks damaging public confidence in the decisions of Cornwall Council and its Councillors regarding the alleged, but widely disputed, climate emergency and the related potentially highly costly, 'Net Zero' targets.

A. Email 16 November 2023 from 7 Concerned Citizens Cornwall to Phil Mason (Director) & Kate Kennally (CEO) Cornwall Council cc all Councillors

From: Seven Concerned Citizens <cornwall@sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk>

Sent: 16 November 2023 08:11

To: Phil Mason <Phil.Mason@cornwall.gov.uk>

Cc: Kate Kennally

<kate.kennally@cornwall.gov.uk>; Rachel.Lofthouse@cornwall.gov.uk <Rachel.Lofthouse@cornwall.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Formal Notice to rectify major organisational defects

Dear Phil,

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Firstly, thank you for acknowledging and responding to our letter of notice

1/ Is this an official response on behalf of your Senior Management Team & Chief Executive Officer?

If so, then it indicates very serious issues regarding:

- a) hubris within the senior management / leadership culture.
- b) a lack of **organisational culture with 'process maturity'** to deal openly and effectively with strategic risk warnings, strategic re-appraisal and dynamic 'critical' feedback which would be a necessary characteristic of **'process developed or mature'** emergency planning and execution type organisations.
- c) a lack of awareness of how to engage appropriately with the gravity and nature of the issues being notified.

The nature of your response presents **a heightened indicator that the current organisation is not fit for complex systemic emergency planning and management.**

This reinforces our previous message to you and **greatly enhances the level and likelihood of threat on the people and the region posed by the inadequate organisation and management practices of the council** relating to emergencies.

In addition to the suggestions contained within our report we **strongly suggest that your Senior Management Team urgently seek independent specialist advice and organisation developmental support** to help you address the issues that have been notified to you through this email, our letter and report. For the avoidance of doubt, we will formalise this with a further letter of notice.

2/ Escalation due to cancelling of 'critical voices'

As you state an intention of **NOT engaging in dialogue and dismissing our findings**, we are consequently forced to initiate a peaceful campaign to bring these very serious issues and concerns to the publics' attention across Cornwall.

3/ Anonymity

To address the matter, you raise, about us operating anonymously through Seven Concerned Citizens. This is a necessary precaution to protect citizens in expressing their 'critical voices' from the values heresy/shaming and the toxic cancel culture prevalent and displayed across many local authority organisations.

4/ Duty of care

The gravity of the issues notified to you and the potential for catastrophic harm from your organisation and management practice is significant.

We remind you that as public servants; you have **a responsibility first and foremost to cause no harm**, to act objectively using the best evidence without discrimination, bias or pre-determination solely for the public interest and the needs of the people of Cornwall. There is a duty of care on public authorities and their officers to consider or think about how their policies, organisation systems and decisions affect the people and the wellbeing of this region.

We suggest that you consider discharging this duty of care, with due diligence, in light of the information now presented to you.

To avoid organisation inertia, it is in the public interest to have transparency regarding the rectification measures being adopted. We have previously suggested that Cornwall Council urgently requests from your auditors (a) a formal **'Advisory Notice'** and (b) a **'Public Interest Report'** pertaining to the issues raised in our notice letter and accompanying 56 page report. Furthermore, in context of your response there is a heightened need to demonstrate assurance to the public.

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5/ Our objective

We reiterate that our objective as Seven Concerned Citizens is to avert a major regional planning related catastrophe by informing and assisting both the public and the council to become aware of issues surrounding emergency planning and execution. As concerned citizens we are seeking assurances that the councils' organisation system is 'fit for the purpose' of emergency planning without inflicting considerable and unnecessary harms onto the people from misguided and non-rigorous strategy and policy.

Cornwall Council have now been notified of very serious organisational issues and we urge you to reflect openly upon the findings of the report, the explanatory videos and accompanying information on our website.

Yours faithfully

Seven Concerned Citizens

www.sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk

B. Email 10 November 2023 from Phil Mason (CORNWALL COUNCIL Director) to 7 Concerned Citizens

From: Rachel Lofthouse <Rachel.Lofthouse@cornwall.gov.uk> on behalf of Phil Mason <Phil.Mason@cornwall.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 November 2023 11:20

To: Seven Concerned Citizens <cornwall@sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk>

Cc: Kate Kennally <kate.kennally@cornwall.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Formal Notice to rectify major organisational defects

Dear Sirs and / or Madams,

Thank you for your notice.

We are satisfied that:

- Our organisational controls, policy context and processes are fit for purpose.
- The organisation is sufficiently well-informed and resourced to be able to understand and manage this issue, and there is no bias or predetermination.
- The organisation, its Members and officers are perfectly aware of their obligations.
- There is no need for the Council to seek any validation of your report, or to action the suggestions made within it or your correspondence.

We note that you suggest:

- There is a need to respond as requested to avoid further escalation measures from you. However, you do not articulate what those measures will be.
- More worryingly, that absent the Council doing what you have asked there may be *'the unfortunate need for additional escalation measures, by us and the wider public, to hold the council, its executives and officers personally to account'*. Please be assured that the Council does not take kindly to threats of that nature and it will do what is reasonably required to protect the safety of its officers and Members, and to protect its assets, operation and reputation. If necessary, we will engage with the police on this.

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We also note that you are effectively operating anonymously behind the banner of Seven Concerned Citizens.

We do not consider there to be any need for Cornwall Council to enter into further dialogue with you or your organisation on this issue.

Yours faithfully

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C. Email to Cornwall Council : A cover email with formal letter of Notice attached

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Subject: Formal Notice to rectify major organisational defects

FAO Kate Kennally, Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Council

Dear Kate,

CLIMATE EMERGENCY - CORNWALL COUNCIL

FORMAL NOTICE: TO RECTIFY SIGNIFICANT ORGANISATION DEFECTS

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Please find attached an electronic version of our letter dated 1st November 2023. The letter notifies you as the Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Council and your board of directors to significant organisational defects, failures and gaps regarding the management and organisation practice associated with the 'declared climate emergency'.

The attached letter serves as an executive summary and cover to a 56-page report that scrutinises and reviews responses provided by Torbay Council under freedom of information requests. Some of the references provided by Torbay Council relate directly to reports, consultations and partner organisations operating for, with, or on behalf of Cornwall Council. Specifically referenced within this report is the 2023 climate adaption consultation for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

There is therefore a strong and direct contextual relevance to Cornwall Council.

A. STRATEGIC RISK WARNING: MAJOR ORGANISATIONAL FAILURES & DEFICIENCIES

Significantly, we highlight and demonstrate five categories of major institutional failures, deficiencies and gaps relating to the strategy and organisation approaches surrounding the 'declared climate emergency' and accelerated carbon reduction plans, namely:

- Advisory
- Institutional bias and pre-determination
- Strategy & planning
- Organisation systems
- Audit & Governance

This represents a serious failure in the non-executive and governing functions of Cornwall Council.

Please note, that 'fast track' rectification suggestions are offered in the report and letter.

B. NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE: COUNCIL ORGANISATION & MANAGEMENT

From our analysis, we can strongly conclude that the Cornwall Council and its regional partner organisations are not fit for the purpose of conducting emergency planning and execution relating, in part, to the 'declared climate emergency'.

The council organisation has not been designed nor developed for the purpose.

Furthermore, the present organisation system left uncorrected poses a significant, elevated and imminent strategic threat of harm to the wellbeing of the region and its people. The likely impacts, strategic risks and unintended consequences arising from the policies and strategies developed through the current organisation system will likely create catastrophic implications.

C. FORMAL NOTICE OF RECTIFICATION

To avoid such a planning and policy-related catastrophe we hereby formally notify you and your board members that urgent and immediate rectification action is necessary.

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Electronic copies of the report can be viewed and / or downloaded from our website www.sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk. Two videos have been produced to explain the letter and report findings, these can be found on our website.

D. REQUEST A RESPONSE WITHIN 20 DAYS

We strongly urge your Officers, Councillors and Auditors to reflect upon and assess whether emergency climate declarations, decision making and planning have been adequately informed by non-biased, independent advisory and balancing measures taken to avoid pre-determination.

Due to the emergency context and strategic gravity of the issues and to avert further escalation measures from us and the wider public, we welcome a response from you within 20 working days.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your attention and urgent action.

Sincerely,

Seven Concerned Citizens

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