

## Environment and Green Investment Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 16 March 2023  
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### 1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Gowing and Tierney.

### 2. Public minutes of the Environment and Green Investment Committee meeting held 19 January 2023 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023 were agreed as a correct record and the action log was noted.

### 3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

### 4. Operation & Maintenance contracts for large energy infrastructure projects

It was resolved to:

- a) approve extending the warranty on inverters for the North Angle Solar Farm from five to ten years at a cost of £220,000 as set out in paragraph 2.6;
- b) approve the £140,000 of lifecycle replenishment costs (LIFEX) to purchase spare parts for North Angle Solar Farm and its Private Wire; Babraham Road Smart Energy Grid and St Ives Smart Energy Grid as set out in table 2;
- c) delegate authority to the Executive Director, Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of Environment and Green Investment Committee to authorise the entering into and execution of 4-year Operation and Maintenance contracts with Bouygues Energies and Services for North Angle Solar Farm, its Private Wire; Babraham Road Smart Energy Grid and St Ives Smart Energy Grid; place orders for spare parts to be used during the operational phase for these schemes and secure extended warranties for the inverters at North Angle Solar Farm.

5. Renewable energy export arrangements for the Council's large renewable energy projects

It was resolved to:

- a) agree the plan for managing income contracts for the large energy projects as set out at paragraph 2.10;
- b) delegate the decision to enter into **and execute** Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for the large energy projects to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, and the Chair and Vice Chair of Environment and Green Investment, on the basis of specialist energy market advice to inform decisions.

6. Update on delivery of the Climate Change and Environment Strategy (CCES) Action Plan

It was resolved to:

- a) note progress delivering the CCES Action Plan including the challenges highlighted in section 2;
- b) approve suggested updates to the Action Plan set out in paragraph 2.2;
- c) support the development of a new risk-based approach for future progress reporting as set out in section 3 and bring a further progress report in the new format in six months to Committee to inform business planning.

7. A Community Energy Policy for the Council

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the Community Energy Policy as set out in section 2.5;
- b) agree the next steps as set out at 2.6.

8. Cambridgeshire Private Electricity Network: Legal Agreements

It was resolved to:

Delegate the decision to issue the necessary notices, enter into and execute all legal agreements as necessary for the Cambridgeshire Private Electricity Network to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, and the Chair and Vice

Chair of Environment and Green Investment Committee as set out in paragraph 2.1

9. Procurement on Reletting the Cambridgeshire County Council Framework for Commercial Archaeological Fieldwork

It was resolved to:

- a) agree the reprocurement of the Archaeological Services Framework for a period of four years to 2027;
- b) agree that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director (Place & Sustainability) to award the framework to the preferred bidders and execute the agreement in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

10. Response to Anglian Water's Water Resources Management Plan 24

It was resolved to:

- a) consider and approve the response to WRMP24 as appended to the report;
- b) delegate authority to the Head of Service – Natural and Historic Environment to make minor final amendments to the response in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair ahead of submitting to Defra by 29th March 2023.

11. Corporate Performance Report

It was resolved to:

note and comment on performance information and take action as necessary.

12. Finance Monitoring Report – January 2023

It was resolved to:

review, note and comment upon the report.

13. Environment & Green Investment Committee Agenda Plan and Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

It was resolved to:

- (i) Note the agenda plan;
- (ii) Confirm the appointment of Councillor Hathorn to the Waste Member Steering Group

Statements in bold indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

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