

**ECONOMY AND
ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE**

Minutes-Action Log



Introduction:

This log captures the actions arising from the Economy and Environment Committee held on 8th July 2014 and updates members on the progress on compliance in delivering the necessary actions.

This is the updated action log as at 4th September 2014.

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Minute No.	Report Title	Action to be taken by	Action	Comments	Completed
13.	MINUTES AND ACTION LOG	Graham Hughes Councillor Schumann	Officers working on the economic agreement with Nanjing to be asked to contact Councillor Lay Councillor Schumann to liaise with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and then report back to the Committee on his work on adult learning and skills	This has been discussed with Cllr Lay and he will be involved as the process moves forward. Oral update required	15/7/14

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14.	PETITIONS – IMPROVING NUFFIELD ROAD AND GREEN END ROAD, CAMBRIDGE	Democratic Services / Lead officer and Chairman	A full written response to be sent to the Lead petitioner within 10 working days.	Response included as Appendix 1 to this report.	15/7/14
15.	SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN EAST CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGECITY AND SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLANS	Juliet Richardson	Update on progress with negotiations with CambridgeCity and South Cambridgeshire District Councils to be circulated to members of this and the Children and Young People Committees in September/October 2014	Work is continuing on agreeing a Statement of Common Ground in respect to this issue for the Local Plan Inquiry with the respective district and city council. A briefing note will be circulated once this work has been undertaken. Officers are awaiting dates and a timetable for the local plan inquiry and how the inspector will want to hear the issues.	Ongoing.
19	MOBILISING LOCAL ENERGY INVESTMENTS (MLEI) PROJECT – KEY RISKS	Sheryl French	Update to be sent to the Committee after the meeting on 14 th July 2014 with UK Power Networks The Committee if possible to receive details of ImpingtonVillageCollege's agreement with Skanska on energy improvements, and this to be shared with other academies.	This was sent to members of the Committee in an e-mail from Democratic Services dated 3 rd September the text is attached as Appendix 2.	03/09/14

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20.	FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – OUTTURN 2013/14	Councillor Bates and Cearn, Graham Hughes and Ian Smith	The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to meet with the Executive Director: Economy, Transport and Environment and a Finance officer to review the presentation of financial and performance information to members under the new Committee system	A meeting took place between Councillor Bates, Graham Hughes and Ian Smith in July to discuss the future structure of the Finance and Performance Report. The report on the current agenda has been provided in the revised, agreed format.	yes
21.	FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – MAY 2014	Graham Amis	Members to be e-mailed more information about the recent increase in the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured	E-mail sent to members	23/07/14
22.	SERVICE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS PLAN: ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT	Ian Smith	The table of 2015/16 revenue savings and income proposals to be amended to show the full budget for each heading, as well as the proposed saving, to enable members to see the percentage reduction	The Head of Policy and Business Development, Environment Services Celia Melville confirms that information to size the planned budget reduction in relation to the whole budget, will be included in future reports.	yes

RESPONSE TO PETITION – IMPROVING NUFFIELD ROAD AND GREEN END ROAD, CAMBRIDGE

From: Barton Gwyneth
Sent: 15 July 2014 09:06
To: kb@iitm.info
Cc: Bates Ian Cllr; Hughes Graham; Menzies Bob; Evans Denise; Sanderson Rob
Subject: Response to your petition to Economy and Environment Committee

Dear Mr Brumann

Thank you for presenting your petition to the meeting of the Economy and Environment Committee last Tuesday. Please see below the response from the Committee Chairman, Councillor Bates.

Gwyneth Barton
Senior Democratic Services Officer
Cambridgeshire County Council
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Dear Mr Brumann

Thank you for presenting your petition on Tuesday, and bringing to the attention of the Committee the concerns about traffic on Nuffield Road, which we discussed when we met on site in 2012.

While the Busway extension does create the potential opportunity that you have identified, the challenge would lie in providing a full access junction at Milton Road if we were to take up your suggestion. To do this would require extensive road widening and consequently infilling of the subway as well as the likely acquisition of land. The cost of this would run in to several million pounds. The current funding does not allow for this. In addition, the impact of providing what would need to be an all movements junction at this location would be significant on the traffic flow of Milton Road.

As I'm sure you can appreciate there are many places in the County where there is concern about the level and mix of traffic in the vicinity of schools, and the Council's resources to tackle such issues are extremely limited. Your proposal would require the allocation of the equivalent of many years of the local highway improvement budget and therefore could not currently be justified.

However, as you will be aware, the busway link to the new station will be an unguided bus road and so should circumstances in relation to Nuffield Road and funding change in the future, there would be the opportunity to reconsider this subject to resolving other issues such as traffic flow on Milton Road. For the current time though, given the costs and the traffic impacts, I do not consider that there is a case for giving this proposal further consideration at this time.

Councillor Ian Bates

Chairman of Economy and Environment Committee

APPENDIX 2

MOBILISING LOCAL ENERGY INVESTMENTS (MLEI) PROJECT – KEY RISKS – REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE AFTER MEETING WITH UK POWER AND ANY DETAILS OF IMPINGTON VILLAGE'S COLLEGE'S AGREEMENT WITH SKANSKA ON ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

Email dated 3RD September from Democratic Services.

Dear Members of the Economy and Environment Committee

At the 8th of July Economy and Environment Committee having considered a report on the above project, there was request for additional information to be provided following a further discussion meeting due to be held on 14th July 2014 with UK Power Networks on Solar Park grid connections. In addition there was a request, if possible, to receive details of Impington Village College's agreement with Skanska on energy improvements to be shared with other academies.

The Project Director Mobilising Local Energy Investment Sheryl French has now provided further details as set out below:

To: **Economy and Environment Committee Members**

Date: 2nd September 2014

From: **Sheryl French, Project Director Mobilising Local Energy Investment**

Update on actions arising from 8th July 2014 meeting

1. Update on Solar Park grid connection discussions with UK Power Networks and October Auction for finance incentives

Grid Connection: UK Power Networks have confirmed a grid connection for the Solar Park for 2017. The opportunity to connect earlier than 2017 is dependent on works to upgrade the Burwell substation. Currently the Burwell upgrade is with the designers. It is envisaged that the scheme will require a new switch board with a higher fault rating than the current one. Until the scheme is designed and costed a timetable for construction and connection cannot be put together. The timetable will depend on the procurement processes agreed for the scheme which are determined by the costs of the scheme. UK Power Network will contact us when the scheme is issued from the designers to give us a view on the timetable.

October Auction for finance incentives: Government has identified the timetable for the first auction and the submission deadline for applications is 27th October 2014. To submit a Solar Park project, a planning permission is required and a confirmed grid connection. Currently the Solar Park planning application is with East Cambridgeshire District Council and likely to be determined by the 9th October 2014. If positive, then an application to the October auction can be submitted. Currently Department of Energy and Climate Change(DECC) have indicated that the first auction has a pot of £50million to allocate for projects. The outcome of the first auction will not be known until January 2015 at the earliest. If unsuccessful in the first round, then the next round is likely to be in October 2015, a year later, unless a June 2015 auction can be agreed.

2. Energy Performance Contracting for schools and CCC sites and buildings

Bouygues Energies and Services FM Ltd was appointed as the supply partner for energy performance contracting on 1st August 2014. During August, Bouygues have undertaken assessments of a pilot set of 10 schools and CCC buildings, 5 special schools and a police building.

The finance arrangements for Academy schools are under discussion with Bouygues and CCC. Bouygues ran a workshop in London with partners to identify the best solutions for academy schools to participate in Energy Performance Contracting and have identified two finance models. These models will be presented to academy schools for feedback w/c 22nd September. When finalised, an external accountancy firm will be asked to validate the model ensuring it complies with government finance and schools guidance. Impington Village College have been contacted to present their model at the schools event.