

## Environment and Sustainability Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Thursday 14th January 2021

Published: Tuesday 19th January 2021

Decision Review deadline: Thursday 21st January 2021

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Friday 22nd January 2021

Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented at 9.30am on the fourth full working day after the publication date, unless it is subject of a decision review by nine members of the General Purposes Committee [see note on decision review below].

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15th October 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Action Log

The Action log was noted.

4. Petition and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

5. Swaffham Prior Community Heat Project – Investment Case

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Approve the investment case for the Swaffham Prior Community Heat Project as set out in section 2.4.
- b) Note the project risks set out in section 3.

- c) Support further work with Government to develop community carbon policy to reduce risk to the project (and future projects) as set out in paragraph 3.1.
- d) Approve capital expenditure as set out in paragraph 2.4.7 to cover state aid compliance for the Heat Network Improvement Project (HNIP) commercialisation funding.
- e) Delegate the decision to sign contracts with Bouygues to design, build, operate and maintain the Swaffham Prior Community Heat Project, once final costs and grants (and a positive NPV) are confirmed, to the Executive Director of Place and Economy and Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chair of Environment and Sustainability Committee and the Green Investment Advisory Group.

## 6. Annual Carbon Footprint Report 2019-20

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the report.

## 7. Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange 2020: Cambridgeshire Decarbonisation Fund

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the Cambridgeshire University Science and Policy Exchange (CUSPE) 2020 research report proposing a Cambridgeshire Decarbonisation Fund attached as Appendix A.
- b) Agree next steps for the development of a Cambridgeshire Decarbonisation Fund as set out in paragraph 3.1.
- c) Support further work with partners to assess the opportunity for Cambridgeshire to become a carbon 'sink' and quantifying the potential benefits of this approach.

## 8. Workplace Charge Points for Staff and Fleet

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the background, progress to date, issues, challenges and opportunities regarding the installation of electric vehicle chargepoints (EVC) at Council buildings.

- b) Approve the business case for EVCs, using the Workplace Chargepoint Scheme, and enable expenditure of up to £120,000 of the £200,000 allocated to chargepoints in the Environment Fund.

## 9. Finance Monitoring Report- November 2020

It was resolved unanimously to:

The Committee reviewed, noted and commented upon the report.

## 10. Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the Committee Agenda and Training Plan.
- b) Appoint Cllr Wotherspoon as a member of Natural Cambridgeshire.

### Notes:

- (a) Statements in larger type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:
  - (i) At least 9 full members of General Purposes Committee to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee.
  - (ii) The request must be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of 3 full working days after the decision has been published and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed.

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