

Environment and Sustainability Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Thursday 11th March 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Thursday 18th March 2021

Implementation of Decisions not called in: Friday 19th March 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.

The following non-statutory disclosable interests were made under the Code of Conduct:

Cllr Schumann declared a non-pecuniary disclosable interest in relation to Item 8 (Sunnica Solar Farm Development), as he previously expressed his opinion publicly on this matter and therefore withdrew from the meeting for this item.

Cllr Gardener declared a non-pecuniary disclosable interest in relation to Item 8 (Sunnica Solar Farm Development), as he was the Vice- Chairman of the Council's Planning Committee and therefore withdrew from the meeting for this item.

2a Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14th January 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

2b Action Log

The Action log was noted.

3. Petition and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

4. Schools Low Carbon Heating Investment Case

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Agree the investment case for the Comberton Village College Low Carbon Heat Network and The Galfrid Primary School Ground Source Heat Pump Project as set out in section 2.4.
- b) Note the key project risks set out in section 4.3 and the full risk register at Appendix A.
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Economy and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee and the Green Investment Advisory Group to sign contracts, **subject to planning consent and to acceptable agreements with the Schools, Trusts and Government Departments:**
 - i. with Bouygues for project construction and operation; and
 - ii. with the Cam Academy Trust and 'United Learning' for Heat Supply to the schools.

5. Civic Hub Solar Carports – Investment Decision

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Agree the investment case for the installation of solar carports at the Civic Hub in Alconbury as set out in paragraph 2.2.1 of the report.
- b) Note the key project risks set out in section 2.3 of the report; and
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Economy and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee and the Green Investment Advisory Group, to sign a contract with Bouygues Energies & Services for the construction and operation of the project conditional on a planning approval and the final business case demonstrating a ~~positive~~ **an acceptable** Net Present Value.

6. Babraham Road Park and Ride Smart Energy Grid Investment Decision

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note progress with the project.
- b) Approve the investment case for the Babraham Rd Park and Ride Smart Energy Grid project as set out in section 3 of the report; and

- c) Delegate a final decision as set out in paragraph 7.3 of the report, to enter into a construction contract with Bouygues E&S Solutions to Executive Director of Place and Economy and Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee and the Green Investment Advisory Group.

7. CUSPE - Policy Challenge on how can we use community-based resources to jointly tackle the climate emergency within our communities?

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note and consider the findings and recommendations resulting from the Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange's (CUSPE) Policy Challenge research into the question of how can we use community-based resources to jointly tackle the climate emergency within our communities

8. Sunnica Solar Farm Development

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Place and Economy, in consultation with the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, to submit NSIP related responses to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Cambridgeshire County Council and its regulatory functions, only on occasions where there is not enough time for a report to be delivered to the Environment and Sustainability Committee; and
- b) Circulate the draft response to Local Members and Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee ahead of sign off and submission to the Planning Inspectorate, when delegated powers are used.

9. Finance Monitoring Report- January 2021

It was resolved unanimously to:

Review, note, and comment upon the report.

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

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Review its agenda plan attached at Appendix 1;

- b) Review its training plan attached at Appendix 2;
- c) Note the extension to the term of the appointment to Conservators of the River Cam, as detailed in Appendix 3.

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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