

Environment and Green Investment Committee Decision Statement

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Each decision set out below will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of three full working days after the publication of the decision statement and may then be implemented, unless subject to a decision review request [see note on decision review below].

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Steve Corney who was substituted by Councillor Mark Goldsack, as well as apologies from Councillor Mandy Smith.

2. Minutes of the Environment and Green Investment Committee meeting held on 11 July 2024 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2024 were agreed as correct records and signed.

Councillor Anna Bradnam clarified that her appointment as a Conservator of the River Cam lasts until 31 December 2025.

Updates to the Action Log were noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

4. Climate Change and Environment Strategy Progress Report and Annual Carbon Footprint 2023-2024

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the annual carbon footprint report as a record of the Council's known greenhouse gas emissions for the financial year 2023 - 2024 as outlined at Appendix 1;
- b) Approve the annual Climate Change and Environment Strategy Risk Report for the period October 2023 - October 2024 (Appendix 2);

- c) Note the progress, key challenges, and residual risk in delivery of the Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy targets as outlined at Section 5 of this report;
- d) Approve the setting of annual carbon milestones, see Section 6;
- e) Approve the updates to the Climate Change and Environment targets and action plan, as set out in Section 7;
- f) Support the next steps set out in Section 8 to continue alignment of council action with delivery of the Climate Change and Environment targets.

5. School Low Carbon Heating Project Approvals

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree that funding is allocated for the low carbon heating projects at Meridian, Robert Arkenstall and St Philip's primary schools as set out in paragraph 3.6. In the event that one project cannot proceed, Committee is asked to approve funding for a low carbon heating project at Alderman Payne primary school as a reserve.
- b) Note that an urgent decision-making process was used to approve funding for a low carbon heating project at Stretham Community Primary School for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.10.
- c) Confirm the ongoing availability of up to £214k as the lending facility from the Council for the schools specified in this report for low carbon and energy efficiency projects, continuing the approach set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2.
- d) Agree the proposed use of UK Power Networks for both non-contestable and contestable elements of electrical supply upgrades as discussed in paragraphs 3.11 and 3.12.

6. Finance Monitoring Report – August 2024

It was resolved to review and comment on the report.

7. Agenda Plan, Training Plan, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

It was resolved to note the Agenda Plan.

Notes:

Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

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