

Briefing note

To: Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment)

Date: 20th October 2014

Subject: Revision of the Council's Carbon Management Plan

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) of the outcomes from the meeting where they considered the Revision of the Council's Carbon Management Plan

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Enterprise and Economy Scrutiny Board recommend that:
 - 1) The Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) approve the revised Carbon Management Plan; and approve the Energy, Water, and Carbon Management Policy.
 - 2) The Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) along with the Chair of the Business, Enterprise and Economy Scrutiny Board write to the Department of Energy and Climate Change, expressing concerns that the exclusion of schools from the Carbon Reduction Commitment is a retrograde step. Schools should be part of the education process on climate change and their exclusion from the Carbon Reduction Commitment is contrary to this.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 8th October 2014, the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board considered the Revision of the Council's Carbon Management Plan.
- 3.2 The Board were happy to endorse the revised Carbon Management Plan and the Energy, Water and Carbon Management Policy.
- 3.3 The Members questioned officers on working alongside Registered Social Landlords to use economies of scale to offer external cladding to private households at a reduced price. They also asked about target setting and credits from Heatline.
- 3.4 Members were concerned that the Government have excluded schools from the Carbon Reduction Commitment and recommended that representation is made to the appropriate governmental department to address this issue.

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