
To: Coventry Shareholder Committee

From: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 17 March 2026

Subject: Strategic Energy Partnership Annual Business Plan 2026/27

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Shareholders Panel of the recommendations arising from an item on Strategic Energy Partnership Annual Business Plan 2026/27 considered at the meeting on 12 March 2026.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that the Coventry Shareholders Panel agree the recommendations in the report.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 12th March 2026, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a report on the Strategic Energy Partnership Annual Business Plan for 2026/27.
- 3.2 The committee considered the information provided in the report. Members asked questions and received responses on the following areas:
- The Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) having made a strong start in its first two years of a 15-year programme, with early progress recognised.
 - Questions about how the heat network is described in relation to decarbonisation
 - Forthcoming national changes that will bring energy-from-waste into carbon trading by 2028, alongside wider reforms addressing the significant amount of wasted heat across the UK.
 - Confirmation that the Council engages with other partners, such as the Electric Vehicle partnership, and that some activity sits outside SEP where this is more appropriate.
 - Opportunities to improve customer messaging to raise awareness of what is available.
 - E.ON's approach to working with local companies and building local skillsets, focusing on creating a market that others can access rather than delivering everything directly within the city.

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