

Addendum – Education, Children and Families Policy Committee – 2nd November 2023

Item 7 : Committee Work Programme

Purpose

To note the Council motion agreed on 4 October 2023 in respect of investment in renewable energy projects and agree the action to be taken in response.

Recommendation

That the details of the motion from Council in respect of investing in renewable energy, detailed below be noted and the proposed responses set out be agreed.

Background

The Council meeting on 4 October 2023 agreed a motion which included a request for Policy Committees around investing in renewable energy projects. See details below:

Issue	Investing in Renewable Energy Projects
Referred from	Council Motion 4 October 2023
<i>Details</i>	"resolves to ask the relevant Policy Committees to consider placing on their work programmes consideration of every opportunity for investing in renewable energy projects on Council land and buildings to generate energy and income"
Commentary/ Action Proposed	<p>It is proposed that an overarching Climate Statement, including a series of specific committee statements will be submitted to the December Strategy and Resources Policy Committee for approval. Informal work is ongoing with each Committee to develop these. The sections in respect of each Policy Committee will set out what each Policy Committee will commit to undertake to take climate action – reduce emissions and adapt to a changing climate. The sections for each Committee will include a direct reference to the issues raised in this motion.</p> <p>In addition, officers are exploring how we can commission a specific renewable energy scoping strategy, that will then provide recommendations on the actions that the Council (and each committee) will need to take to deliver this.</p>

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