

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet / Leader
PART II

262. AN ENERGY STRATEGY FOR HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 27 February 2012, approved an Interim Energy Strategy, which would support and inform the development of a longer term Strategy and Action Plan that will fully address future risks, challenges and opportunities. During the period covered by the interim Strategy, a series of pilots and feasibility studies will be undertaken which will include exploring possible partnership arrangements and different financial models to realise community and economic benefits as well as potential income generation.

2. Each pilot project and feasibility study will be developed through an appropriate business case and will need to clearly identify the direct and indirect benefits to the County Council, as well as any indirect benefits or advantages for the wider Hampshire community.

263. STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND DELIVERY

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 26 March 2012, approved a revised approach to the County Council's work with partners, on place shaping, in response to changes to the planning system and funding arrangements for strategic infrastructure. The new arrangements will ensure that the County Council is well placed to work with partners to identify infrastructure needs, and secure appropriate contributions from developers and other funding sources to enable the timely delivery of essential infrastructure.

2. The Interim Strategic Infrastructure Statement appended to the Cabinet report includes infrastructure which is needed, but not necessarily all directly related to future development and therefore includes infrastructure for which developer funding would not be available or appropriate. The interim Statement currently reflects County Council service needs, it is being extended, in discussion with partners, to include wider needs, to become a comprehensive statement of infrastructure needs in Hampshire. The Statement underpins the importance of sustainable development supported by appropriate infrastructure, and it is very important that close working be established between the County Council, local District Councils and the Local Enterprise Partnerships.

264. JOINT WORKING IN HAMPSHIRE - INTEGRATED STRATEGIC BUSINESS CASE AND INDIVIDUAL BLUEPRINTS

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 30 April 2012, approved the integrated strategic business case and individual blueprints for the development of shared support services across Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hampshire County Council.

2. The strategic integrated business case reflects a long-term vision for delivering joint services for a number of core corporate services (Procurement, ICT, Finance & Payroll, Human Resources, and Occupational Health and Wellbeing) across the three organisations. The programme will require a phased approach to design, build and implementation.

3. The individual blueprint represents a range of additional specific standalone opportunities (Training / Learning and Development, Transport and Fleet Management, Research and Analysis, Property and Estates Management, Facilities Management, Media and Corporate Communications, and Legal Services), and early implementation of a number of these is expected to quickly realise the benefits that have been identified.

4. This partnership model builds on the Cost Reduction and Efficiency work of recent years and creates the opportunity for further efficiencies in business processes and transactions and widens the appeal of the related professional services, therefore reducing overheads and bringing future income.

Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- An Energy Strategy for Hampshire County Council (search item reference 3548)
- Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Delivery (search item reference 3567)
- Joint Working in Hampshire - Integrated Strategic Business Case and Individual Blueprints (search item reference 3506)

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