

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	29 October 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Energy Strategy
<b>Reference:</b>	4202
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services Director of Corporate Resources, Corporate Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the long term corporate Energy Strategy, as set out in Appendix C of the report, be approved, subject to the words 'excluding wind farms' being added to the end of sentence 3(c) of paragraph 7, Aim and Objectives.
- b) That authority be given for the next steps in the implementation of the Energy Strategy, as set out in Section 5 of the report.
- c) That authority be given to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to explore with potential public and private sector partners the appetite for future joint working on energy issues.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The energy agenda is significant for the County Council and the Hampshire community. The inter-related issues of:

- Increasing energy use;
- Rising energy costs (and associated carbon and other taxes); and
- Increased threats to security of energy supply, through increasing fragility of the supply grid and increased vulnerability to foreign control of energy fuel sources all present both individual and accumulative risks to the effective and efficient running of the County Council.

2.2. A Corporate long term energy strategy is required to enable the County Council to take a leadership role on energy both as a large employer and purchaser of goods and services but also as a community leader.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not to proceed with a long term Energy Strategy.
- 3.2. To continue with an interim approach.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber, CBE</b>	