

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	24 January 2013
Title:	Policy on large wind turbines and wind farms on County Council Land
Reference:	4407
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That a position statement on large wind turbines and wind farms on County Council owned land as set out in this report be adopted.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council proposes this policy on the basis that it makes clear its position on large wind turbines and wind farms on County Council Land.
- 2.2. This decision will inform residents and potential developers of the Council's stance in not supporting such installations at this current time.
- 2.3. There are strong links to the Corporate Strategy – Enhancing our quality of place – by the policy protecting the local distinctiveness of the Hampshire countryside.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not producing a policy on large wind turbines and wind farms on County Council Land. This was rejected on the basis that the County Council would not give a clear position to potential developers, applicants and residents of its desire to protect the particular landscape qualities of its rural landholdings.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

7.1. In considering this item, deputations were received from the following groups and residents from Hampshire:

Dr Bob Whitmarsh and Angela Sealey – Winchester Action on Climate Change (WINACC)

Mr Ray Cobbett, (Sophie Cobbett and Sue Holt) – Hampshire Friends of the Earth

Mr Frank Adsett – Hampshire resident

Mr Dennis Garrison – Hampshire resident

7.2. The Full Council will be updated on the Energy Strategy in due course.

Approved by:

Date:

24 January 2013

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**