

AT A MEETING of the BUILDINGS, LAND AND PROCUREMENT PANEL held in  
the Chute Room, Elizabeth II Court South, Winchester, on  
12 October 2015

Councillors:

p. Chairman: Councillor Mel Kendal  
p. Vice-Chairman: Councillor Peter Edgar

p. Keith House  
p. Frank Pearce

p. Martin Lyon  
p. John Wall

Councillor Andy Moore (UKIP substitute member) attended for agenda item 6  
(part of).

### **93 BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

### **94 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

### **95 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

### **96 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2015 were confirmed by Members as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **97 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the first phase Carbon Reduction Strategy target, of 20% from 2010-2015, had now been met. Programmes of work and technical projects supported by the Panel and implemented over the last five years have delivered savings of over 30,000 tonnes of carbon which represents almost 23% of the 2010 level emissions. The Chairman thanked the teams who had been involved in the successful delivery of this target.

The Chairman informed Members that, through a combination of technical and behavioural change programmes, together with support to schools in Hampshire, a total saving of £2.7 million of energy costs had been achieved over the last five years. Additionally, avoided costs of £275,000 in relation to the County Council's purchase of carbon credits had also been achieved this year.

The Chairman noted that investment into renewable energies and improvements in performance in County Council buildings would continue to deliver further reductions contributing positively to the next phase of the programme.

Members heard that National Grid had recently approached the County Council with a view to bringing a major new electrical supply infrastructure cable into the UK via the Hampshire coast from France. The Chairman confirmed that the County Council was actively supporting this initiative and that the suggested site for the new facility was the Daedalus Enterprise Zone in Fareham.

The Chairman announced that Hampshire County Council's Property Services had recently completed the management and installation of a significant programme of photovoltaic panels on a wide range of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service buildings. The Chairman noted that this was both an income generator for the County Council and also a way to develop skills within the service.

## **98 DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

## **99 ENERGY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 1 (ESAP 1) 2014-18 MONITORING UPDATE (JANUARY - JUNE 2015)**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment updating the Panel on the progress in delivering the first Energy Strategy Action Plan.

Members heard that 90% of the sub-actions had been categorised with a green RAG status. The remaining 10% of sub-actions had been categorised with an amber RAG status. The action plan was appended to the report and highlighted progress and further targets for each sub-action within listed timescales.

It was noted that an update on the Winchester District Energy project would be provided for the next meeting of the Panel. Furthermore, additional information on the approach being taken by Public Health to tackle the health impacts of air pollution would be provided in a later report.

Following Members' questions it was confirmed that a feasibility report is produced and approved for each sub-action project before any activity is undertaken. This includes information on finance and expenditure. It was confirmed that the County Council would receive fifty thousand pounds upon completion of the EU INTERREG Ecotec 21 project as outlined in section 5.2 of the report.

It was noted that the County Council continued to take advantage of national energy initiatives where possible but that when changes in these initiatives and programmes periodically occur it could have a subsequent effect on County Council activities.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the progress with the Energy Strategy Action Monitoring Plan for the six months covering January to June 2015.

## **100 STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN – RISK MANAGEMENT 2015/16**

The Panel considered the report from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services outlining the current Risk Management Strategy for the County Council's Built Estate. The Property Services risk register was appended to the report.

Members were informed of how specific risks are mitigated and managed within County Council buildings. There was discussion over the management of asbestos and it was confirmed, following Members' questions, that the Council ensures that asbestos registers are made available and up to date for each of its sites. Officers work with site managers to provide education and information regarding risk and control measures. The conduct of contractors on County Council sites was discussed and Members were advised that contractor performance is continually monitored and any performance issues or incidents are thoroughly addressed. It was noted that internal Property Services and Asbestos Management surveying teams ensure a consistent and reliable approach.

The Panel noted that the level of risk surrounding glazing and window safety had recently increased due to a number of reportable incidents in schools. Members were reassured that hazards were consistently assessed by

Property Services surveying teams and that physical measures to protect and prevent against such incidents were implemented based on a risk based approach in consultation with local managers.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted:

- i. The robust approach that the County Council takes to the management of risks associated with the built estate.
- ii. That financial resources are directed to the highest priorities and most significant liabilities.
- iii. That management controls are maintained to a high standard and reviewed on a periodic basis.

## **101 ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) providing an update on progress in relation to a number of energy and carbon management related activities.

Notably, Members heard that the Carbon Management Plan had exceeded its five year target of a 20% reduction of carbon emissions and had, in fact, achieved a percentage saving of 22.8%. This had been achieved as a result of technical projects and behavioural change programmes targeted at educating and engaging staff. It was noted that schools remain the largest challenge in this regard and County Council officers can only advise and support.

The Panel were informed that the Director of CCBS had secured funding to procure approximately £1 million of solar PV for the corporate estate which will enable around 20 buildings to have arrays installed. It was reported that solar PV panels had already been fitted at Ell Court, Dame Mary Fagan House and Hawthorne Court as part of a pilot study which is now undergoing monitoring. Further PV installations were also planned for the schools estate; a further 32 installations are in planning in addition to the existing 20 PV systems.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted:

- i. The success in exceeding the 20% reduction target of the Carbon Management Plan.
- ii. That the Director of CCBS would assess and review the outcomes of Phase 1 of the Carbon Management Strategy and bring forward recommendations for further energy reduction programmes, as part of the second phase of the plan to 2020, to a future Panel meeting.