

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	27 February 2012
Title:	An Energy Strategy for Hampshire County Council
Reference:	3548
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the interim Energy Strategy approach be approved.
- b) That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services be requested to implement this Strategy approach, through a programme of pilot projects and feasibility studies, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, and that a working party be established to lead this.
- c) That detailed business cases be prepared for schemes and be considered by Cabinet in due course.
- d) That the Chief Executive conduct a review of the medium and long term sustainability of the County Council's economic, climatic, energy and social policies.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The energy agenda has become significant for the County Council and Hampshire. Within the contexts of energy security and affordability, climate change and future economic prosperity, a focused, coherent and effective response is required at a local level.
- 2.2 The County Council would benefit from taking a strategic approach to the energy agenda, in order to minimise the risks posed to business continuity and service delivery, and maximise the potential benefits of sustainable energy practices.

2.3 An interim Energy Strategy approach would build on work completed so far and develop internal expertise and capacity on energy issues, leaving the County Council well-informed and well-placed to determine the future long-term strategy and action plan.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 That the County Council does not take a strategic approach to the energy agenda, but continues to approve projects on a case by case basis only.
- 3.2 That the County Council develops a full-scale, long-term Energy Strategy for immediate implementation.

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 Standards Committee: None.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber, CBE	Date: 27 February 2012
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