

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
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Title:	Energy Programme Capital Budget
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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to propose allocations and management arrangements for the Energy Programme capital budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. Cabinet agreed on 27 February 2012 that the Interim Energy Strategy will be a series of pilot programmes and feasibility studies which will inform and enable a longer term Energy Strategy and Action Plan to be developed. Detailed business cases will be prepared for the schemes and will be considered in the future.

2.2. Work to support the development of the Interim Energy Strategy and pilot programmes at an officer level is being undertaken by an Energy Working Group made up of officers from Economy Transport and Environment, Culture Communities and Business Services, County Treasurers and Chief Executives. Programmes currently being overseen by this group include:

- (i) a feasibility study for a low carbon district energy scheme in Winchester;
- (ii) full business case development for an energy performance contracting programme across the built estate;
- (iii) development of opportunities under the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive;
- (iv) Feasibility studies of opportunities around the Green Deal across Hampshire; and

- (v) work to ensure that legal advice is provided that is integrated into the development of the energy programme, strategy and pilot projects.

2.3 This work is focussed around the County Council's corporate estate at this time. Work on the school estate will follow, and be the subject of a paper at a later date.

2.4 The County Council has been successful in accessing money from European funding sources. Under Interreg IVA an additional €106,592 has been approved to support work in relation to Winchester District Energy. This reduces the direct cost to the County Council of this project.

3. Allocation of the Capital Budget

3.1. An allocation in the capital programme budget of £250,000 has been agreed for the period of 2012/14 to support delivery of the Interim Energy Strategy. This will also enable a full Energy Strategy to be developed ready for approval by Cabinet by the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

3.2. Although this is an Economy, Transport and Environment capital budget allocation, work will be delivered corporately.

3.3. The following allocations are proposed for the Energy Programme capital budget:

Energy Workstreams	Energy Programme capital budget allocation	Programme Detail
Pilot programmes	£175,500	Feasibility studies and full business case development leading to implementation of major capital projects for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Performance Contracting • Winchester District Energy • Renewable Heat Incentive
Support programmes	£64,500	Specialist legal, finance and procurement advice to deliver pilot programmes and develop full business cases
Contingency	£10,000	

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. That the proposed allocations within the Energy Programme capital budget be approved.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area can be found at :[EQIA](#)
- 1.2. It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. It is not considered that delivery of the Interim Energy Strategy will have any crime and disorder impacts.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The proposal enables delivery of the Interim Energy Strategy and development of a full Energy Strategy and action plan. A long-term Energy Strategy would aim to improve energy security, reduce energy costs and reduce energy consumption and therefore reduce Carbon emissions.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposal enables delivery of the Interim Energy Strategy and development of a full Energy Strategy and action plan. A long-term Energy Strategy would ensure that the County Council and the residents of Hampshire are prepared for the impacts of extreme weather events on energy supply.