

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel (BLaPP) with an update on the progress in delivering the first Energy Strategy Action Plan (ESAP) 2014-2018.
- 1.2 Following a recommendation for approval from BLaPP, the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts approved the first Energy Strategy Action Plan and its governance and reporting arrangements on 18 March 2014 and gave authority to begin implementation and monitoring.
- 1.3 This BLaPP report and associated monitoring plan in Appendix 1 provide the third progress update on the implementation of the action plan for the six-month period between January and June 2015.
- 1.4 The monitoring plan contains 41 sub actions that support the 24 actions in the ESAP. Overall progress is good, with 90% of sub actions on-track (green RAG status) and 10% where areas of uncertainty might impact on the future outcomes of actions (amber RAG status).

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1. Following the approval of the action plan on 18 March 2014, the Energy Strategy Action Monitoring Plan was developed to monitor delivery.
- 2.2. The monitoring plan provides a comprehensive mechanism to ensure robust monitoring of projects including the following criteria: departmental owners, action phases, milestones, timescales and targets.
- 2.3. The current monitoring plan is attached in Appendix 1.

3. Finance

- 3.1. Some actions within the action plan will require capital and/or revenue expenditure as part of their delivery. These projects are already part of approved departmental work streams and any authorisation required for expenditure will be taken through the relevant decision routes for approval as required.

4. Governance

- 4.1. The monitoring plan provides a clear framework to follow the progress of actions and is a record of performance and delivery.
- 4.2. The monitoring plan includes the following criteria to ensure effective monitoring of progress: department responsible for the project; timescales, action phases; and current progress with associated Red, Amber, and Green (RAG) status.
- 4.3. The majority of the projects in the action plan are led by Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) or Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) as these departments have key responsibilities for energy and carbon reduction. However, all Council departments have responsibility for delivering actions within the action plan that contribute to the energy strategy.
- 4.4. Targets or interim targets have been identified for all projects to ensure effective monitoring of progress. Carbon and energy targets have been included where relevant.
- 4.5. This report covers six months of implementation, from January to June 2015 (inclusive).

5. Performance

- 5.1. Overall the action plan is being delivered as planned with 90% of projects progressing well and displaying a green RAG status. The majority of projects are those that fall within existing departmental business plans, and therefore have resources allocated to their delivery.
- 5.2. A number of achievements have been made during the last six months; these are highlighted below:
 1. The installation of five fast electric vehicle charging points across Hampshire and one combined fast/rapid charge point.
 2. The installation of solar PV on three Hampshire County Council buildings has been successfully completed. Two further solar PV schemes have also been installed on new school extensions.
 3. The installation and monitoring of solar PV technology for the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service has been completed.
 4. Works on the street light replacement scheme are 98% complete.
 5. The EU INTERREG Ecotec 21 project is complete, with outcomes being distributed and promoted by all partners.

- 5.3. Over the next six months a number of key actions will be progressed including:
1. Energy reduction measures on the County Council estate: The installation of over 100 energy efficiency measures on Hampshire County Council buildings will be completed. Measures will also be implemented across the wider corporate estate.
 2. Energy procurement: A decision will be made on the energy procurement strategy which will guide the form of the new energy contract for 2016.
 3. Winchester District Energy: A decision will be made on the future of this project.
 4. Solar PV: Installation of solar PV will be completed in suitable buildings across the wider corporate estate, new schools and extensions.
 5. Additional funding being sought to continue the delivery of the “Hitting the Cold Spots” project.

6. Other Key Issues

- 6.1. There are four sub actions that are displaying an amber RAG status, where uncertainty over future strategy could cause a change to the way the action needs to be approached in future. These are detailed below.
- 6.2. Action 6.5 *“embed energy efficiency and carbon reduction into overarching strategic council documents”*. As previously reported, climate change is not included in the ETE Risk Register. This may require future review to meet the target of embedding energy efficiency and carbon reduction in to all strategic documents.
- 6.3. Action 8.2 *“monitor the development and delivery of the LEP’s strategies and respond accordingly”*. This action now has an amber RAG status. Capacity within the LEP has affected the progress of this action and led to delays in incorporating climate change and resilience in to the LEP strategies.
- 6.4. Action 8.6 *“assess the potential and suitability of technologies for decentralised renewable energy generation”*. This action now has an amber RAG status due to a prioritisation of limited resources and funding within the County Council.
- 6.5. Action 8.6 *“investigate the opportunities for developing a HCC model of development for community energy schemes”*. This action now has an amber RAG status due to a prioritisation of limited resources within the County Council.
- 6.6. In addition, Action 8.7 *“ETE and Public Health to collaborate on projects that tackle both health and energy impacts of energy use and fuel poverty.”* has been amended to reflect the revised collaborative approach taken by ETE and Public Health. The action previously referred to CO₂ emissions information being incorporated in to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The last report highlighted that the future of the JSNA was uncertain and it has now been confirmed that the CO₂ data collected will be used to ensure that sustainability is incorporated into the delivery of all public health functions, including the areas of health, economic, environmental and social value but not as part of the JSNA itself. Therefore this sub action will need to be closed.

6.7. Some actions in the plan have been closed, due to the completion of the project, actions being incorporated in to other areas or changes in priorities.

6.8. Projects that have now been closed:

- Environmental Strategy traded services work has been incorporated in to the cross-departmental service offer (1.1 of Appendix 1).
- The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Solar PV project is now complete (1.1 of Appendix 1).
- Energy performance packages for schools have been incorporated in to the schools energy performance programme (5.2 and 2.1 of Appendix 1).
- EU INTERREG Ecotec 21 project is complete (8.1 of Appendix 1).
- The sub action of 8.7 referring to the JSNA has been closed, given the changes within this work area that are detailed in paragraph 6.6 of this report.

7. Recommendation

7.1. That the Panel notes the progress of the Energy Strategy Action Monitoring Plan for the six months covering January to June 2015.

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):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carbon Strategy	1152	26/07/2010
Energy Strategy	4202	29/10/2012
Energy Strategy Action Plan	5719	18/03/2014
Energy Strategy Action Plan	6549	31/03/2015
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to: Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This report intends to provide Members with an update on the Energy Strategy Action Plan and, as such, an Equalities Impact Assessment has not been considered necessary in the development of the report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This report has no impact on crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. The Energy Strategy Action Plan will have a positive effect on the energy security and reduction of carbon emissions by Hampshire County Council and the wider community which will contribute to mitigating against and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

3.2. Avoiding climate change impacts is a key driver for implementing carbon and energy use reduction programmes.