

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee/Panel:	Building, Land and Procurement Panel		
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide Buildings Land and Procurement Panel (BLAPP) with an update on the delivery of the first Energy Strategy Action Plan 2014-2018.
- 1.2 Following a recommendation for approval from BLAPP, the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts (EMICR) approved the first Energy Strategy Action Plan and its governance arrangements on 18 March 2014 and gave authority to begin implementation and monitoring.
- 1.3 EMICR also stipulated six monthly reporting on the Action Plan's progress to BLAPP.
- 1.4 To monitor the delivery of the Action Plan, a comprehensive Energy Strategy Action Monitoring Plan has been developed.
- 1.5 This BLAPP report and associated Monitoring Plan in Appendix 1 provides a progress update on the first four months of implementation of the Action Plan between March and July 2014.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Following the approval of the Action Plan on 18 March 2014, the Energy Strategy Action Monitoring Plan has been 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 Monitoring Plan is attached in Appendix 1.

3. Finance

- 3.1. It is important to note that the monitoring process has been developed to ensure minimal impact on staff resources. Changes to the monitoring regime are proposed in 6.1 to further streamline the process.
- 3.2. 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 actions' progress 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. The Action Plan is currently monitored on a quarterly and six monthly basis, with quarterly progress reported to the Energy Working Group, and the six monthly progress reported to BLAPP. See 6.1 for proposed changes to this reporting schedule.
- 4.6. This first monitoring report only covers four months of progress in order to be able to fit in with the BLAPP reporting timetable. The next report to BLAPP will cover six months of implementation.

5. Performance

- 5.1. Overall the Action Plan is being delivered as planned with the majority of projects progressing well.
- 5.2. There are a number of achievements which have been made during the last four months which are highlighted below:
 1. The implementation and completion of a Collective Switching Scheme for Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which resulted in the participating businesses jointly saving £53,253 on energy bills.

2. The implementation and completion of a Collective Switching Scheme for Hampshire residents which led to participants saving on average £220 per property. The total saving for participating Hampshire residents was £216,445
 3. The installation of five specialist Electric Vehicle charge points in the County, which are expected to go live in September (subject to testing by SSE).
 4. Delivering a 'Hitting the Cold Spots' fuel poverty and cold homes awareness scheme to highlight the dangers of colder weather on health and to provide information, advice and assistance with installation of energy saving and heating measures.
 5. Commencement of the procurement process for the installation of solar PV on Hampshire County Council buildings, including EII Court (up to 50Kw per building).
 6. Good progression of the street lighting replacement scheme which is on track for completion in March 2015. Currently 82% of streetlights have been retrofitted so far which is expected to save seven million tonnes of carbon when completed.
- 5.3 Over the next six months a number of key actions will be progressed including:
1. Winchester District Energy: Procurement of specialist consultants to enable the development of the full business case and scope delivery options.
 2. Solar PV: Install solar PV panels on specific Hampshire County Council buildings and facilitate installation on Hampshire Fire and Rescue sites.
 3. Schools Extension Programme: Continue with the schools extension programme to improve energy efficiency and realise energy generation opportunities such as solar PV.

6. Other Key Issues

- 6.1. Having undertaken the monitoring of the first four months of delivery it is clear that given the longer-term nature of the majority of the projects within the Action Plan, quarterly reporting is too frequent. It is therefore proposed that reporting be undertaken only on a six monthly basis to coincide with the BLAPP reporting cycle. This would make the process more effective and less resource intensive.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1. That BLAPP approves the change to a six monthly monitoring and reporting cycle.
- 7.2. That BLAPP notes the progress of the first Energy Strategy Action Monitoring Plan.

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
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:

It has been determined that this project is low impact for all groups as the majority of schemes designated within the Action Plan are assigned for Hampshire County Council. However, there are a number of external projects and it is envisaged that these will provide positive outcomes for residents in Hampshire. For example, the operation of a Collective Switching Scheme could save commercial and residential applicants money; providing signposting information for members of the public could reduce the overall energy consumption/carbon output and may reduce financial spending.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. There is no impact on Crime or Disorder.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. The Energy Strategy Action Plan will have a positive effect on the energy security and reduction and carbon emissions of Hampshire County Council and

the wider community which will contribute to mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

3.2. Climate change impacts are a driver in implementing reduction programmes.