



Cabinet 1 December 2010

Recommendations from Sustainable Development Working Party: 23 November 2010 (Dec10/04)

*Cabinet Member: Cllr Terry
Clements*

*Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Richard Rout*

1. Generating Income from Renewable Energy (Report B317)

RECOMMENDED:- That, subject to the approval of full Council:-

- (1) subject to final survey and tender, £410,000 from the Unallocated Capital Provision be allocated to fund renewable energy generation as identified in the investment models set out in Report B317; and***
- (2) further analysis be carried out of a community-based investment model with the aim of realising an equitable return both for the Council and the community as well as energy and CO₂ savings.***

The Council has been taking action over the past seven years to reduce revenue expenditure and develop new ways to generate income through the Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) programme. The Council is also committed to reducing Carbon Dioxide emissions arising both from the energy use within its own property and by encouraging others to do the same.

Report B317 outlined the business cases for two investment models utilising Council property either wholly operated by the Council or leased to partner organisations, which take advantage of the new Clean Energy Cashback Scheme. A third model, investing in community-owned buildings has been discounted at present, however, further analysis would be worthwhile.

Installing renewable energy generation systems would require an investment of approximately £410,000, with a minimum gross income of £873,950 producing profit of £394,252 over the twenty-five year life of the Clean Energy Cashback Scheme.

2. St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework – Annual Monitoring Report (Report B318)

RECOMMENDED:- That:-

- (1) the 2009/2010 Annual Monitoring Report, attached to Report B318, be approved for submission to GO-East; and***
- (2) the Head of Planning and Economic Development Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning, be authorised to incorporate into the Annual Monitoring Report any further minor changes as are necessary to update it and make any spelling, grammatical, factual, formatting and numbering corrections, provided they do not materially affect the substance or meaning of the Report.***

The regulations covering the preparation of the Local Development Framework requires local planning authorities to prepare and submit an annual report covering the previous financial year. Report B318 contained the Council's sixth Annual Monitoring Report.

3. Replacement Local Plan – Policy RA2(b): Land off Crown Lane, Ixworth. Approval of Masterplan (Report B300)

(This report was also considered by the Rural Area Working Party on 18 November 2010.)

RECOMMENDED:-

That, subject to full Council approval, the Masterplan for the development of land off Crown Lane, Ixworth, as contained in Appendix B of Report B300, be adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.

Land at Crown Lane, Ixworth had been allocated for development in the Replacement Local Plan. The Local Plan stated that development could not proceed until a Masterplan had been adopted for the site and this was to be informed by a Concept Statement. A draft Masterplan had subsequently been prepared by consultants on behalf of the proposed developer.

Public consultation took place in July and August 2010 and the Masterplan had been amended in the light of the comments received. The Masterplan and the proposals within it had been prepared in accordance with the adopted Replacement Borough Local Plan and the protocol for preparing Masterplans. The Council's approval of the Masterplan as planning guidance was now being sought.