

<b>ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
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## Report of the Director of Strategic Resources

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### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify the Panel of the Executive Decisions which have been taken and which relate to the Panel's remit.

#### 2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 2.1 Links to the Corporate Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement are contained within the individual decisions notices.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

##### 3.1 Proposed Energy Park, Land off Storey's Bar Road, Peterborough

###### Decision

###### **CONSULTATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY ON AN APPLICATION UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, PROPOSED ENERGY PARK, LAND OFF STOREYS BAR ROAD, PETERBOROUGH**

Peterborough City Council has been consulted by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), in relation to an application by Peterborough Renewable Energy Limited (PREL) concerning a proposed Energy Park on land at Storeys Bar Road, Peterborough.

The Council is not the determining authority for this application, but is a consultee. An application such as this under the Electricity Act 1989 is an executive function.

The report was submitted to Cabinet for decision following formal consultation on the proposal with councillors, the applicant and members of the public at an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

###### CABINET **RESOLVED** TO:

Inform the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change that the City Council does not object to the application made by PREL for an Energy park at Storey's Bar Road subject to:

1. the matters set out in Appendix D (annex 1) to the report being satisfactorily resolved;
2. the conditions in Appendix E to the report being attached to any permissions granted
3. a Section 106 obligation being agreed as part of any permission granted;
4. an independent review being commissioned of the applicant's traffic study and proposed traffic mitigation measures in the light of the significant concerns expressed during consultation;
5. the Secretary of State be advised that the highway contribution sought by the city council as part of the S106 obligation as contained in Appendix F to the report is £2000 per vehicle trip proposed, irrespective of the type of vehicle; and

6. given the significant concerns expressed, that the council's Planning, Transport and Legal officers clarify and resolve any ambiguities in the language used in the conditions set out in Appendix E to the report before the council's view is submitted to the Secretary of State.

Peterborough City Council will work expeditiously with the applicant to resolve the issues at Appendix D, but requires the assurance of conditions being applied to any permission in order to be able to protect local residents' amenity and interests and to align with the city's proposed Environmental Capital status.

### **Reasons**

As Local Planning Authority, the recommendations are made in line with national, emerging regional, and adopted local planning policy. They also take into account the views expressed by the public at Council on 13 January 2009.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any specific implications are contained within the individual decision notices.

## **5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Executive Decisions which are relevant to the remit of the Panel and which have been made since the last meeting and if felt appropriate, to identify any decisions they may wish to examine in more detail.

## **6 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Executive Decision notices from 17 December 2008.