

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
24 MARCH 2014	PUBLIC REPORT

Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Marco Cereste, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning, Housing and Economic Development Cllr David Seaton – Cabinet Member for Resources	
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Call-in Referral from Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee of 12 March 2014 – Executive Decision – Update on Proposed Ground Mounted and Wind Developments at Newborough, Morris Fen and America Farm – FEB14/CAB/16

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee	Deadline date : n/a
<p>It is recommended that Cabinet considers the recommendations arising from the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny meeting of 12 March 2014, held to consider the call-in regarding the Executive Decision – Update on Proposed Ground Mounted and Wind Developments at Newborough, Morris Fen and America Farm – FEB14/CAB/16.</p>	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 This report requests that Cabinet considers the recommendations arising from the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee, held 12 March 2014.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 24 February 2014, the Cabinet made an executive decision relating to the Proposed Ground Mounted and Wind Developments at Newborough, Morris Fen and America Farm.

2.2 On 26 February 2014, a request to call-in this decision was received, signed by Councillor David Harrington, Councillor David Sanders and Councillor Ed Murphy.

2.3 On 12 March 2014, the call-in request was considered by the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee and the call-in was upheld.

2.4 The minutes of the meeting are not yet available. The resolution however reads as follows:

‘The decision is to be referred back to the Cabinet with the following recommendations:

1. That the Wind and Solar Member Working Group consider the Cabinet’s decision when it meets on the 18th March 2014 and shall report on that decision and the issues raised by the Call-In and discussed at this meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, including alternative options; and
2. That the Cabinet shall not act on the decision made by it on 24th February 2014 until it has received and considered the report of the Wind and Solar Member Working Group

and the comments of the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee on that report’.

2.5 The minutes of the Scrutiny Committee will also show that the Chair stated that he will call an extraordinary meeting of the Committee, if necessary, so as to receive the Working Group’s report as soon as is reasonably practicable.

2.6 The call-in request form and the response to the call-in report are attached at **Appendix A** to this report. The full agenda pack for the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee can be viewed at the following link:
<http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=535&MId=3290&Ver=4>

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 As per the Council’s Constitution, Part 4, Section 8 – Scrutiny Rules of Procedure, Paragraph 13.7 *‘if having considered the request for call-in of the decision, the Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Commission is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns, or it may refer the matter to full Council’.*

3.2 The Scrutiny Procedure Rules continue that *‘if referred back to the decision taker, they shall then reconsider within a further ten working days, amending the decision or note, before adopting a final decision. Once a decision has been reconsidered by the decision taker it may not be the subject of a further call-in’.*

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Any implications are contained within the Cabinet report, dated 24 February 2014. This can be viewed at the following link:
<http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=3278&Ver=4>

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

5.1 None.