

## APPENDIX 1 – SCHEDULE OF ALL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Date	Report Title	Decision making body	Recommendations approved
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	<b>Motion from Cllr Nick Thurlbourn at Full council -</b> That this Council recommends that the Cabinet halt the solar farm project in Northborough, Thorney and Eye with immediate effect.	Full Council	Following debate, a vote was taken (24 for, 4 against, 17 abstentions) and the motion was <b>CARRIED</b> .
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2014	Report of the Solar and Wind Energy Review Group	Cabinet	<p>Cabinet considered the report and <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>That any decision to progress the solar and wind projects be deferred until further consideration was given to the impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any delay arising from the call-in by the Secretary of State of a planning decision, in terms of costs and profitability of the projects;</li> <li>b) A 30% reduction in subsidy (or a professional assessment of what might be a reasonable level of reduction in subsidy) for the projects; and</li> <li>c) A slowing or reducing sale rate of energy with a professional assessment of what a reasonable reduced rate could be.</li> </ul> <p><b>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</b></p> <p>The decision followed a request from the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee call-in meeting, held on 12 March 2014.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b></p> <p>To implement the decisions of 24 February 2014 to progress the America Farm project to planning permission.</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	Report of the Solar and Wind	Sustainable Growth and	1. The Committee noted the report; and

	Energy Review Group	Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee	<p>2. The Committee asks Cllr Thulbourn to Chair another meeting of the Working Group established to review the financial elements of the Solar (Photovoltaic) Panels and Wind Turbines Project to review the evidence considered and, if possible, to present a report directly to Cabinet at its meeting to consider this issue at the end of the month.</p>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b>	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	Cabinet	To consider the recommendations arising from the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny meeting of 12 March 2014 and confirmed that it would not act upon the decision made by it on 24 February 2014 until it had 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.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b>	Request for call-in of an executive decision: Update on Proposed Ground Mounted Solar and Wind Farms at America Farm, Morris Fen and Newborough FEB14/CAB/16	Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee	<p>The decision is to be referred back to the Cabinet with the following recommendation</p> <p>1. That the Wind and Solar Member Working Group consider the Cabinet's decision when it meets on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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</p> <p>2. That the Cabinet shall not act on the decision made by it on 24<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>

			<p>3. There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Committee, if necessary, so as to receive the Working Groups report as soon as is reasonably practicable.</p>
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	Update on Proposed Ground Mounted Solar and Wind Farms at America Farm, Morris Fen and Newborough	Cabinet	<p>Cabinet considered the report and <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the project at America farm be progressed and taken to a planning committee for a decision subject to the satisfactory resolution of the outstanding English Heritage issues;</li> <li>2. That further consultation on the future development options for Morris Fen and Newborough projects be undertaken with farmers, individuals and key stakeholders;</li> <li>3. And that a report be brought to the March Cabinet meeting to determine a way forward for these two sites; and</li> <li>4. That at this stage the MTFS figures remain as set out in the budget report.</li> </ol>
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	<b>Construction of four additional wind turbines to a maximum height of 100 metres (to vertical blade tip) with ancillary infrastructure including temporary construction compound, access tracks and crane hardstandings. French Farm, French Drove, Thorney, Peterborough</b>	Planning and Environmental Protection Committee	<p>To approve the application, as per officer recommendation, subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The signing of a legal agreement;</li> <li>2. Conditions numbered C1 to C8, C10 to C17 and C19 to C21 as detailed in the committee report; and</li> <li>3. The amended conditions C9 and C18 as detailed in the update report.</li> </ol>
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	Update on the proposed ground mounted and wind developments at Newborough, Morris Fen and America Farm	Extraordinary, Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities	<p>The Commission recommends that cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediately stops both options 1 solar and 2 wind for the America Farm project due to the negative income predicted for the delayed project</li> <li>• Stops the solar panel option on all three sites (America Farm, Newborough and Morris Fen) due to the significant total expenditure of £296 million, a poor return of £21 million net</li> </ul>

			<p>income and a Net Present Value figure of only £10.5 million</p> <p><b>ACTION AGREED</b></p> <p>The Commission agreed that the Executive Director of resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talks with Mr Olive outside of the meeting regarding issues raised and informs the Commission of the outcome in writing.</li> <li>• Advises the Commission on the cost of having 11 Officers in attendance for the meeting.</li> <li>• Provides members with written replies to all questions asked at the meeting.</li> <li>• Provides a valuation of the land which would be used for the project.</li> <li>• Provides information on the Net Profit Value for each site.</li> </ul> <p>The Commission agreed that the Area Manager of Development Management in his seconded role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send a briefing note to the Commission regarding the depth of the poles for the solar panels.</li> </ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	Development of Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (Pv) Panels (Solar Farms) and Wind Turbines	Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities	<p>The Commission recommended that Cabinet reconsider going ahead with the Development of Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Panels and in doing that take into account the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative Plan B Option - Dual Use possibilities before any further planning application is submitted.</li> <li>• An investigation of alternative land use other than agricultural</li> </ul>

			<p>land</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The renewable Energy Finance Manager would provide the Commission with the projected sunk costs including the impact of the reduced power purchase agreement.</li>   <li>2. The Commission agreed for the Executive Director of Strategic Resources to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Inform the Commission of the cost for Bluesky Peterborough's financial model to go to a public inquiry.</li>   <li>b. Bring a separate report back to the Commission on Wind Turbines next year.</li>   <li>c. Bring a report to the Commission on Dual Use including both proposals to a future meeting before the proposals were agreed.</li>   <li>d. Provide a report on available land for the Ground Mounted Solar Panels.</li>   <li>e. Liaise with Lee Collins, Area Manager Development Manager and obtain details around the sensitivities around the two sites near America Farm.</li>   <li>f. Provide a report on the future of farms estate and tenant farmers</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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<b>10<sup>th</sup> July 2013</b>	Motion at Full Council raised by Cllr Harrington	<b>Council</b>	Councillor Harrington moved the following motion: That this Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the widespread concern and opposition to energy park plans on tenant farms; the financial and project risks are considerable and that the council has moved away from its core activities in the establishment of Blue Sky Peterborough on which Councillors and officers hold directorships;</li> <li>2. Believes that enough time and money has already been spent on solar farm energy schemes; and</li> <li>3. Recommends to Cabinet that it takes note of residents' concerns and cuts its losses through the introduction of a moratorium on any further expenditure on solar farm schemes on our tenant farms and on the Blue Sky Peterborough organisation.</li> </ol> <p>A recorded vote was requested and the motion was DEFEATED (20 for, 27 against, 2 not voting).</p>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b>	Installation of Solar Farm, Land to the East of Black Drove, Thorney, Peterborough	Planning and Environmental Protection Committee	<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Unanimous) to defer the application, as per the revised Officer recommendation.  <b>Reasons for the decision:</b> The decision was deferred to allow for further archaeological works to be undertaken on the site following the additional comments received from English Heritage.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	Request for call-in of an executive decision: Development of Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (Pv) Panels (Solar Farms) and Wind Turbines - NOV12/CAB/134	Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee	The Committee did <b>not</b> agree to the call-in of this decision on any of the reasons stated.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	Development Of Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (Pv) Panels (Solar Farms) And Wind Turbines	Cabinet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the updated strategy for the development of renewable energy parks at each of the three council owned agricultural sites (America Farm, Morris Fen and Newborough farms) since the report to Cabinet dated 10 July 2012, in respect of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels and wind turbines;</li> </ol>

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Approve the proposal to submit planning applications in respect of development of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels;</li> <li>3. Note that subject to planning permission being received for ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels a contract for their installation is likely to be awarded to Mears Ltd under a framework agreement approved under a decision by the Cabinet Member for Resources (reference Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Panels Framework Agreement - JAN12/CMDN/002);</li> <li>4. Note that subject to the outcome of necessary studies and continued negotiations a further report will be brought back to Cabinet for consideration prior to submitting planning applications for wind turbines;</li> <li>5. Welcome the support of scrutiny;</li> <li>6. Request officers work with rural communities and key stakeholders in formulating proposals for a planning application and considers how their suggestions can be incorporated into the development of the solar project, as far as is possible without restricting the viability of the project overall;</li> <li>7. Note that in relation to determining the appropriate amount and range of community funds resulting from the developments, there is no agreed national or local tariff for such contributions. The level of contribution will be negotiated based on the type of development (wind or ground mounted) and the overall scale of the development. At the scrutiny committee a figure of around £6.7m, based on another local scheme, was discussed as being the expected level of contribution from this scheme. There is sufficient flexibility within the overall financial parameters of the scheme to make an appropriate level of contribution. It would be inappropriate to agree any level of contribution at this stage as this will be subject to negotiation as part of the</li> </ol>
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			<p>next stage development of the proposals;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Request officers submit a further written update to the Cabinet and scrutiny members of a further analysis of the financial proposals and contingency arrangements but notes that the figures are considered appropriate for the purpose of the decision today, also noting that the financial appraisal has been subject to due diligence by Deloitte and Davis Langdon;</li> <li>9. Confirm that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the integration of farming with renewable energy generation is already under consideration as part of the proposals.</li> <li>2. That the sensitivities around the two sites near America Farm (Oxney Grange and Flag Fen) will be taken into detailed consideration as part of the planning process.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012</b>	Development of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels (solar farms) and wind turbines	Joint Meeting of the Sustainable Growth & Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Issues	<p>The Joint Meeting of the Sustainable Growth &amp; Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities advises Cabinet that it broadly supports the recommendations detailed in the Cabinet report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the updated strategy for the development of renewable energy parks at each of the three council owned agricultural sites (America Farm, Morris Fen and Newborough farms) since the report to Cabinet dated 10 July 2012, in respect of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels and wind turbines;</li> <li>2. Approves the proposal to submit planning applications in respect of development of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels;</li> <li>3. Notes that subject to planning permission being received for ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels a contract for their installation is</li> </ol>

			<p>likely to be awarded to Mears Ltd under a framework agreement approved under a decision by the Cabinet Member for Resources (reference Solar Photo-voltaic (PV) Panels Framework Agreement - JAN12/CMDN/002)</p> <p>4. Notes that subject to the outcome of necessary studies and continued negotiations a further report will be brought back to Cabinet for consideration prior to submitting planning applications for wind turbines;</p> <p>The Joint Meeting further recommends:</p> <p>5. That the Cabinet ensure that the needs and demands of the rural communities are fully addressed.</p> <p>6. That the Cabinet further explore paragraph 8.4.7 of the Cabinet report with officers and understands the process for determining the appropriate amount of community funds, and also at this stage seeks information from officers of the likely range of community funds.</p> <p>7. That table 8.2 of the Cabinet report is updated to reflect what is actually known at this time and what is contingency.</p> <p>8. That Cabinet investigate the feasibility of dual use of the land at each site taking particular account of the sensitivities of the area around America Farm for Oxney Grange and Flag Fen.</p>
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