

**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING 2014-2015**

APPENDIX 1

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
17-Jul-14	Solar Panel Energy Working Group Report	The Committee noted the report and 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	Cllr Thulbourn then to Cabinet	<p>Cllr Thulbourn met with the Working Group to review the financial aspects of the proposals. The report from the Task and Finish Group was presented to Cabinet on 22 September 2014. Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED:</p> <p>That any decision to progress the solar and wind projects be deferred until further consideration was given to the impact of:</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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</p> <p>c) A slowing or reducing sale rate of energy with a professional assessment of what a reasonable reduced rate could be.</p>
04-Sep-14	Green Leases - Discussion Paper	The Committee recommend that the Cabinet Member for Resources adopt a policy on Green Leases and give a commitment to only enter into leases on commercial properties as either landlord or tenant if they are Green Leases except in exceptional circumstances. This is in support of the Environment Capital agenda.	Cllr Seaton	The standard lease for properties has been updated to allow for provision of green initiatives. We are currently looking at potential for using our agreement with Honeywell to improve the energy efficiency of all our commercial / community portfolio. To undertake this will mean updating all leases and this will be undertaken once our proposals are complete.
04-Sep-14	Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy	The Committee recommend that Cabinet recommend to Council that the Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy be added to the Major Policy Framework and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.	Cabinet	Referred to Cabinet on 22 September and recommendation endorsed. Referred to Council on 8 October and Council endorsed and accepted the inclusion of the Flood Risk Management Strategy in the Major Policy Framework and the constitution was amended accordingly.

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06-Nov-14	Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital	The Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital prepare an exceptions report of Cabinet Member Decision Notices which are counter to the Environment Capital Action Plan and / or the City's Environment Capital aspirations and to report these to the Committee in all future portfolio progress reports.	Cllr North	To be incorporated into future Portfolio Progress Reports.
13-Jan-15	A Draft Strategy for the Council Farms Estate – Final Report of the Task and Finish Group	<p>The Committee recommend that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Task and Finish Group should continue until the Strategy has been represented to the Committee at its next meeting on 17 March 2015. 2. The Strategy is re drafted to include additional information to evidence other options that had been considered and further financial information that had been considered by the Task and Finish Group when drafting the Strategy. 3. The Strategy to include the mention of any possible educational opportunities. 4. The final draft of the Strategy to be brought back to the Committee on 17 March 2015 for endorsement before going to Cabinet for approval. 	J Lewis	Final Draft was presented to Committee on 17 March 2015.

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17-Mar-15	A Draft Strategy for the Council Farms Estate – Final Report of the Task and Finish Group	<p>The Committee endorsed the Strategy for the Management of the Farms Estate and recommend the strategy to Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>The Committee recommend that the Service Director for Education, Resources and Corporate Property investigate and develop further the option of staggered leases and educational and social opportunities for the Farms Estate.</p>	Cabinet	<p>The farm strategy will go to Cabinet over the summer. Good progress has been made in terms of implementing the strategy including a proposed meeting with the tenant farmers on the 9th June to share the action plan. We have leased on a short term basis a farm to a new entrant and we are at advanced negotiation with Peterborough Regional College over an education offer using the Councils farm estate.</p>

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