

**Approval of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Corporate Energy Strategy**

**Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment**

**September 2019**

**Deadline date:** *September 2019*

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment Steve Cox – Executive Director Place and Economy
Is this a Key Decision?	NO
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	NO
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

**R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Corporate Energy Strategy.

**1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

1.1 This report is for Councillor Marco Cereste to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (i).

**2. TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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**3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

3.1 Councillor Marco Cereste is invited to approve the Cambridge and Peterborough Corporate Energy Strategy.

3.2 The aim of this Strategy is to explore joint opportunities for securing renewable and resilient energy supplies and infrastructure that can support local needs. We will do this whilst maximising commercial benefit for the Councils and our communities and making best use of our combined assets to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impacts.

## **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Corporate Energy Strategy has been approved by the Joint Senior Leadership Team.

## **5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

5.1 The outcome of the Strategy is to:

- Provide a joined up, corporate approach to energy investment on our assets to generate income and make savings for the Councils;
- Identify how we can reduce energy consumption through service delivery redesign and policy development;
- Attract investment into energy infrastructure on the Councils' assets which can benefit the Councils and the broader communities;
- Identify how the Councils' assets can facilitate the development of low carbon energy infrastructure to support transport, housing, waste management and smart community projects;
- Work with partners (public and private sector) and local communities to identify and facilitate low carbon energy projects using the Councils' assets that bring benefits to all.

## **6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the Strategy and sign the foreword to demonstrate Peterborough's commitment to explore, develop and take forward new innovation in the energy provisions within the scope of the strategy. For the avoidance of doubt, any projects that are within the scope of the strategy will follow normal project requirements, this document is only intended to provide a strategic vision.

## **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 Do nothing. This is not an option because:

1. The significant energy costs to the Council, which are likely to rise in future years, therefore we need to find more efficient and economic alternatives.
2. Energy generation assets provide income for the Authority. Maximising the current assets and creating new potential generation capabilities will provide financial benefit for the Authority and residents.
3. The recent declaration of a Climate Emergency highlights the immediate need to understand and take action to reduce carbon emissions in the corporate environment and beyond.

## **8. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

8.1 None. This is a strategy and any projects will be costed as individual programmes of work.

### **Legal Implications**

8.2 None. Future projects arising out of this Strategy will be subject to legal scrutiny on a case by case basis.

### **Equalities Implications**

8.3 None. This strategy directly supports the Environmental Capital and Climate Emergency work streams.

**9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

9.1 None

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

10.1 None.

**11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix 1 - The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Corporate Energy Strategy