

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy & Resources
<b>Date:</b>	14 November 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Energy and Carbon Management Activities Update
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The decision:

It is recommended that:

- 1.1 The positive achievements of the Carbon Management Strategy Phase 2 reduction of 3.1% year on year, with an overall reduction of 43.3% against the 2025 target of 50% are noted.
- 1.2 The further £230,000 of carbon tax reductions in Phase 2 is noted.
- 1.3 A further saving of £300,000 in energy costs over the past year is noted.
- 1.4 The good progress in Energy Performance Programmes Phases 4 and 5 is noted.
- 1.5 The positive engagement with schools is noted.
- 1.6 The Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that projects totalling £610,000 are added to the capital programme funded from the remaining £1.11 million of the previously identified £7m capital funding identified for green energy and energy saving initiatives. The projects will support the further expansion and development of the electric vehicle infrastructure, further Solar PV and battery storage in support of the carbon reduction and energy saving targets for HCC's corporate estate.
- 1.7 The Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that approval is sought from Cabinet to use the remaining £0.5 million of this investment to create a £1million De-Carbonisation Clean Growth energy recycling fund with 50:50 match funding basis through Salix Finance.

1.8 The Panel endorses the commitment made to sign up to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's (BEIS) Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1 The County Council at its meeting in July 2019 formally declared a Climate Change Emergency. This will now provide the overall context for the current phase of the Carbon Management Strategy; The Council was appraised of the excellent progress made to date and the contribution programmes have already made to a reduction in emissions. Any future recommendations for investment and the delivery of future programmes of work will dovetail with the proposed action plan for Climate Change which will be considered by Council at a future date.

2.2 In October 2015, the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) reported that the first phase of the Carbon Management Strategy had been successful in achieving a 22.8% carbon emissions reduction over the first five years against a 20% target.

2.3 In June 2016 the Panel supported the proposal from the Director of CCBS to focus Phase 2 of the carbon management strategy on carbon emissions reductions from the corporate estate, street lighting and officer travel.

2.4 In October 2017 the Director of CCBS reported that excellent progress was being made on Phase 2 of the Strategy. A 38.1% reduction had already been achieved against the 40% target to 2025 approved by Cabinet in 2010.

2.5 Recognising the progress made, in January 2018 the Director of CCBS recommended to the Panel that the target be revised upward to 50% by 2025. The new target of 50% was duly adopted and approved by the Executive Member.

2.6 The Executive Member for Policy and Resources (EMPR) approved further investment in energy programmes in July 2017 allocating £2.72m from available funds. This annual report now updates Members on progress against those initiatives.

2.7 Members are reminded that since 2010 the cumulative energy cost savings have been in the order of around £30m (including schools in Phase 1). In addition, Carbon Tax Charges have been reduced by £385,000 since the start of the programme.

2.8 A further saving in of £300,000 in cost has been made this year as a result of the reduction in energy consumption.

**3 Conflicts of interest:**

3.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: **none**

3.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: **none**

4 **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

5 **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

6 **Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**14 November 2019**

**Executive Member for Policy & Resources  
Councillor K Mans**