



SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 1 November 2005

Report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission

Planning and Environment Commission Topic Review 2005/06 A Review of Energy Use by Derby City Council

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Scrutiny Management Commission approve the review of Energy Use by Derby City Council that the Planning and Environment Commission has selected as one of its workplan topics for 2005/06.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 5 September 2005, the Planning and Environment Commission agreed that as one of its workplan topics for 2005/06 it would conduct a review of energy use by the City Council
- 2.2 The review of will start in October with the intention of completing it and reporting the findings to the Council Cabinet meeting on 3 April 2006
- 2.3 The Terms of Reference of the review are set out in the report in Appendix 2 to this report.

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference of the Review |

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None arising from this report. The review will incur some costs, but these will be contained within the Commission's research budget.

Legal

2. None

Personnel

3. None

Equalities impact

4. The review will be of benefit to all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. The review has the potential to link to the following of the Council's Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities:

Objectives:

- A Prosperous, successful and vibrant economy

Values

- Adopt new ways of working wherever these will help us to do things better

Priorities

- Minimise increases in Council tax and increase value for money services

Appendix 2

A review of Energy Use by Derby City Council

| Terms of Reference | | |
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| | Issue | Action |
| 1 | Understanding of the Council's current and short/medium term energy policies | Meetings with relevant Council Officers |
| 2 | Appreciation of likely trends in UK energy demands, supply and prices | External input – possibly from consultant engaged by Commission |
| 3 | Appreciation of the implications for the Council of any forthcoming UK or EC legislation on fuel/energy use | Meetings with relevant Council Officers |
| 4 | Assessment of the cost implications for the Council of its current and short/medium term energy policies | Consideration of information obtained from 1, 2 and 3 above |
| 5 | Identification of any short term actions the Council Could take to reduce its energy costs | Meetings with relevant Council Officers and research by the Commission |
| 6 | Identification of short/medium term energy associated risks faced by the Council | Meetings with representatives of Council service providers and research by the Commission |
| 7 | Identification/assessment of any alternative energy sources available to the Council | Fact finding visits and research by the Commission |
| 8 | Development of recommendations arising from the review | Meetings with Council officers and consideration of information obtained in the course of the review. |