

Time started: 1.00pm

Time ended: 1.04pm

Housing, Property and Regulatory Services Cabinet Member Meeting 26 February 2024

Present: Councillor S Khan

In Attendance: Penny Marshall - Energy Manager
Richard Roper - Building Surveying and Engineering Manager

12/23 Apologies

There were no apologies.

13/23 Late Items

There were no late items.

14/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

16/23 Buildings Energy Strategy

The Cabinet Member considered a report which sought approval of the Buildings Energy Strategy. It was noted that this strategy focused on the corporate estate and detailed the strategic approach required by the authority to assist in achieving the Net Zero target set out by Derby City Council. It was reported that this target was to be carbon neutral by 2035.

It was reported that this strategy was in line with legislation requiring the Government to deliver the target to reduce the UK's net emissions of greenhouse gases by 100 per cent relative to 1990 levels by 2050. It was noted that this strategy would also help to deliver the Government's Greener Buildings Strategy, which set out to ensure that the public sector had reduced its direct emissions by 50 per cent compared to a 2017 baseline by 2032.

The Cabinet Member noted that the Buildings Energy Strategy had the following four strategic focus areas of approach:

- Reduce Energy Consumption: reduce energy demand, recover energy where possible and ensure it is used in a non-wasteful manner.

- Improve Energy Efficiency: consider energy efficiency at all asset levels, invest in energy saving technologies.
- Install Renewables: buy renewable energy going forward and invest in renewable installations.
- Carbon Offsetting: the remaining carbon will be targeted by carbon offsetting.

It was reported that the Buildings Energy Strategy covered Derby City Council's corporate estate which was comprised of 136 sites and accounted for over 54% of the Council's overall carbon emissions (not including schools).

It was noted that the Building Energy Strategy applied to all corporate properties, it initially focused on the top consuming sites that accounted for 55% of overall emissions from the corporate estate. It was noted that property asset rationalisation would influence decisions for these sites and the approach would need to remain flexible to accommodate changes.

It was reported that monitoring and evaluation was at the heart of energy management and that understanding the consumption of each site was vital to steering the action plan. The Cabinet Member noted that the energy management database was managed to ensure the Council were collecting and reviewing energy consumption trends.

It was noted that minor and technical alterations to the Buildings Energy Strategy may be made as the Council was undertaking an Asset Rationalisation Programme.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the Buildings Energy Strategy.**
- 2. to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Governance, Property and Procurement to make minor and technical alterations to the Buildings Energy Strategy, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services.**

MINUTES END