

# Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board 27 January 2014

**ITEM 9** 

Report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods

# Energy Policy

#### SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Energy Management Strategy and Policy has been prepared to help staff, managers and members of Derby City Council to understand and implement the Council's ambitions and objectives as regards reducing the Council's consumption of scarce and costly energy resources.
- 1.2 Through the application of the Policy the Council's staff, managers and members can contribute toward the reducing the consumption of scarce energy resources, minimising the Council's environmental impact and the release of energy budgets foruse in the delivery of direct services.

# RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Board approve the proposal that the Council adopts the Energy Management Strategy and Policy.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 Prior to this strategy the Council's management of energy had come under the remit of the Council's Climate Change Strategy (2009). This provided a strategic objective to reduce carbon emissions but did not explicitly address energy efficiency

This strategy and policy addresses this lack of clarity and specifically focusses on energy efficiency to motivate and improve energy efficiency across the Council.

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The Strategy sets out the Council's strategic energy efficiency objectives for a sustained reduction in the consumption of costly energy resources. The Strategy sets the framework for annual Energy Performance Targets. The Performance Targets are set annually at the level necessary to deliver the Strategy

Like all energy consumers the Council has to adapt to the increasing risks and costs associated with fuel price inflation, security of supplies and energy related legislation such as the Carbon reduction Commitment (CRC). The CRC requires medium/large sized organisations to register and submit Annual Reports on Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions and surrender an allowance per tonne of CO2. Cost per tonne is currently £12. It is due to rise to £16 in the near future.

- 4.2 The Strategy and Policy provides for:
  - The Council reaffirming its commitment to responsible energy management to deliver the best possible service levels in the most energy efficient manner possible with the lowest practical levels of carbon emissions.
  - The Energy Management Team to provide a service with improved focus on timely management reporting and forecasting against energy performance targets.
  - The improved awareness of all staff and managers of the Corporate energy objective and their responsibilities towards this objective with advice and assistance from the Energy Team.
- 4.3 The proposed timeline is provided below:

| Strategy finalised      | ? |
|-------------------------|---|
| Chief Officers Group    | ? |
| Cabinet                 | ? |
| Renaissance Board       | ? |
| Climate Change Alliance | ? |

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 Not progressing with the Energy Management Strategy and Policy. This will reduce the ability of the Council to manage, monitor and reduce its energy consumption, costs and carbon emissions. Recommend this option be rejected.

#### This report has been approved by the following officers:

None

| Legal officer                 | N/A  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Financial officer             | N/A  |
| Human Resources officer       | N/A  |
| Estates/Property officer      | N/A  |
| Service Director(s)           | Phil Derbyshire, Head of Property Design & Maintenance             |
| Other(s)                      | N/A  |
|                               |  |
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| List of appendices:           | None   |

# IMPLICATIONS

#### **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 To provide the opportunity to make worthwhile savings in energy consumption and cost.

#### Legal

2.1 None.

# Personnel

3.1 The development and co-ordination of the Strategy falls within the remit of the Energy Management Team.

# **Equalities Impact**

4.1 None.

# **Health and Safety**

5.1 None

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

6.1 The Strategy will directly contribute to work to reduce the Council's energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

#### **Property and Asset Management**

7.1 None.

#### **Risk Management**

8.1 None.

# Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The proposals relate directly to the Derby Plan: Fewer household carbon emissions and fewer emissions from industry and transport.