

Report to Neighbourhoods & Communities Select Committee



SCRUTINY

Date of meeting: 17th November 2015

Portfolio: Safer, Greener and Transport – Cllr Gary Waller



Epping Forest District Council

Subject: The development of a corporate energy strategy/ environmental policy

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Select Committee notes the outcome of the presentation to the Leadership Team on 11 November (given as a verbal report) and advises on the approach the Council should take in relation to 'green issues'.

Report:

1. The Green Corporate Working Party was originally set up in 2012 with a focus on 'the Council's internal functions'.
2. The Neighbourhood and Community Services Select Committee Work Programme includes an item, 'To receive updates from the GCWP' and specifically 'To monitor and keep under review the Council's progress towards the development and adoption of a corporate energy strategy/environmental policy'.
3. On 11 November 2015 the GCWP asked the Council's Leadership Team to consider the options for the development of a corporate energy strategy/environmental policy' and will provide the Select Committee with a verbal report on the outcome of those discussions.
4. The Select Committee is asked to consider the information provided and advise officers accordingly.

Reason for decision:

The Select Committee's Work Programme includes an item 'to monitor and keep under review the Council's progress towards the development and adoption of a corporate energy strategy/environmental policy'.

Options considered and rejected:

Since the Select Committee's Work Programme includes an item 'to monitor and keep under review the Council's progress towards the development and adoption of a corporate energy strategy/environmental policy', the option of not producing such a policy has been discounted.

Consultation undertaken:

The Council's Leadership Team was consulted at its meeting on 11 November 2015.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: Dependent on Members' decision on the strategic direction of the Council on energy/environmental matters

Personnel: Within existing officer time

Land: N/A

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A

Relevant statutory powers: N/A

Background papers: N/A

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision reference (if required): N/A