

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E3049

Keynsham Community Energy Cooperation Agreement

Decision maker/s	Cllr Mark Shelford, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
The Issue	<p>To enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Keynsham Community Energy (KCE), using as a template the existing Cooperation Agreement with Bath & West Community Energy (BWCE).</p> <p>As is the case with BWCE, the Cooperation Agreement would create a framework for the Council to support and work with KCE on projects that help to achieve the Council's aims to reduce carbon emissions and increase local resilience.</p>
Decision Date	On or after 17 th March 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Council should enter into a Cooperation Agreement with KCE for five years, from 2017 to 2022.
Rationale for decision	<p>This Cooperation Agreement enables the Council and KCE to work together to deliver the B&NES Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy aim of providing leadership to enable a 45% cut in district wide CO2 emissions by 2029. It will also maximise the proportion of the Placemaking Plan's renewable energy target that is delivered using a community model.</p> <p>This will build community resilience, for example, by alleviating the impact of rising fossil-fuelled energy prices, providing greater local energy security and retaining economic benefit locally, and will establish a significant 'community fund' for re-investing in local energy projects in the area. It will provide key support to the forthcoming B&NES local energy tariff; the intention is to include local renewable power as part of a local green tariff offer.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The Cooperation Agreement contains no financial or property obligations, stating only that the Council and KCE may work together to investigate the potential for funding mechanisms or projects on Council property, subject to a separate decision-making process in each case.</p> <p>The Cooperation Agreement will require a limited amount of officer time from the Sustainability Team, resourced within existing budgets and staff capacity.</p>

Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Sustainability, Property
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Legal Services have advised that there are no issues with the KCE Cooperation Agreement given that it follows the same format as the existing BWCE Cooperation Agreement. The original BWCE consultation was formulated following extensive consultation with Procurement and Legal Services.
Other options considered	Working with commercial companies to deliver similar projects, working with organisations that are similar to KCE.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	<i>The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an-other interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.</i>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	