



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

MONDAY, 18 JULY 2022 AT 1PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Councillor Kimberly Barrett (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Charlotte Gerada

Councillor Robert New

Councillor Russell Simpson

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A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Greening the city - funding application criteria

This report will follow.

4 Forward Plan Omission Notice - Low Carbon Projects Fund

Forward Plan Omission

The Low Carbon Projects Fund report was omitted from the Forward Plan covering 20 May to 20 August 2022. The Chair of the City Council's Scrutiny Management Panel has been notified and a public notice published.

RECOMMENDED that:

- 1. The omission to the Forward Plan for 20 May to 20 August 2022 be noted and**
- 2. Publication of the omission notice be noted.**

5 Low Carbon Projects Fund (Pages 5 - 26)

Purpose of the report.

1. To seek approval to borrow for projects that will reduce carbon emissions by financing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The projects funded will have a financial return on investment within Prudential borrowing rules.
2. To provide a narrative statement regarding the nature of the projects that will be in scope of this borrowing facility and providing a selection of known examples of the more advanced projects.
3. To show the quantum of carbon reductions possible within the scope of known investable renewable and energy efficiency projects; and how these projects align with the Council's Net Zero Carbon ambitions and strategy.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & the Environment approves the following recommendations for onward approval at Full Council:

1. Approves the aims of this borrowing facility in the context of the climate emergency and the council's net zero carbon ambition.
2. That subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal that delegated authority is given to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services and the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the City Solicitor and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Environment to use unsupported borrowing to:
 - Approve the financing of projects associated with renewable energy
 - Approve the financing of projects associated with energy efficiency
 - Approve the financing of projects associated with other climate change mitigation where there is a clear financial rationale for their implementation
3. Approves a borrowing facility of up to £30 million to be invested in such projects, subject to financial feasibility and the Council's limit of indebtedness.
4. Notes that these energy and climate projects may be implemented upon the Council's portfolio of buildings and land; or may be implemented upon the buildings and assets of other organisations in the city.
5. Notes the Energy Services team will continue to identify and seek external funding opportunities to contribute to these initiatives to reduce the reliance on unsupported borrowing.

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