

PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15th DECEMBER 2010

LOW CARBON PLACE TASK AND FINISH GROUP, WORK PROGRAMME 2010-11

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the current work programme for the Low Carbon Place task and finish group during the 2010-11 Council year.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the Committees meeting on the 22nd September 2010, it was agreed that a core task and finish group would be established to investigate the Low Carbon Place aspect of the Policy Review.
- 2.2 Councillors Bell, Cuthbert, P Gibson, Mordey, Snowdon and A Wright were nominated to serve on the group. It was agreed that a work programme would be developed and included on the main Committee agenda. All Members of the Committee are able to attend any evidence gathering sessions of interest.

3. Progress update

- 3.1 Members attended a visit on 24th November 2010 to Portland College, Washington School and Richard Avenue Primary School to explore good practice in schools as well as opportunities that schools may have for future development.
- 3.2 Members also visited a wind farm at Great Eppleton on the 24th November and met with the landowner and the Operations Manager from E.on. There are four turbines at the farm, all of which were generating at full capacity by the end of March 2010 and Great Eppleton is now an 8.2MW wind farm which will displace the emissions of around 10,000 tonnes of CO₂ each year and produce enough energy to meet the needs of around 5,000 homes.
- 3.3 The work programme is included as Appendix A of this report.

3.4 This is a flexible document and can be added to or amended throughout the course of the year. The views of members are sought on contents of the programme.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The work programme developed from the meeting will form a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the task and finish group 2010-11.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme and consider any additions to the work programme.

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