

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 31 JANUARY 2007

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL ON ENERGY

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the final report and recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Panel on Energy.
2. The Commission is asked to consider the report and recommendations therein.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

3. The Review Panel was established following concerns raised at the former Resources Scrutiny Committee about the increased pressure on the Council's budget of rising energy costs.

Consultations

4. Details of the consultations undertaken by the Review Panel are given in the attached report.

Resource Implications

5. The financial implications of the Panel's proposal are set out in the attached report. The Director of Resources has been consulted on the proposals.

Timetable for Decisions

6. Members will recall that at the County Council meeting on 6th December, the following decisions were taken arising from a notice of motion:
 - (a) That the County Council agrees to sign the Nottingham Declaration on an all-party basis by 1st January, 2007;
 - (b) That the Scrutiny Commission be asked to consider the outcomes of the Scrutiny Review Panel on Energy, together with the principles of the Notice of Motion in the name of Mr Bown, which the Council welcomes, with a view to considering the Council's existing response to the Environment agenda and recommending to the Cabinet and the Council an appropriate way forward and further action plans in respect of the

Environment Strategy and other related strategies such as Climate Change and Waste.

7. A report setting out the Council's existing response to the environment agenda will be submitted to the next meeting of the Commission. That report will take into consideration comments made by the Commission in relation to the findings of this Review Panel.

Equal Opportunities Implications

8. None specifically.

Background Papers

9. A list of information provided to the Panel is set out in the attached report.

Circulation under the Sensitive Issues Procedure

10. None.

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