

## Report of the Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services

Cabinet - 21 July 2016

### CORPORATE ENERGY STRATEGY

<b>Purpose:</b>	To agree scope and content of the Corporate Energy Strategy and to agree the action plan, recommendations and timescales for implementation.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	New Policy
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	<i>To set Policy Framework</i>
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Finance, Access to Services.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) The key principles of the strategy are accepted and embedded across the Authority via the proposed action plan.
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 2011, the City & County of Swansea developed a Carbon Reduction Strategy and Action Plan with short, medium and long term actions to tackle the risks of Climate Change. One of the key targets within the CRC Action Plan was to develop a range of initiatives including a Micro-generation strategy

However following review it was felt that it was possible to adopt a much more radical solution for a number of reasons including the unprecedented budget cuts, the need for the Authority to explore other ways of generating income and the alignment that such opportunities have with its corporate priorities, a decision was made to develop an Corporate Energy Strategy instead.

The Energy Strategy will align with the Council's Corporate Priorities and will provide a framework that delivers real benefits to society, the

economy and the environment. It will set out the Council's wider and longer term aims for energy across Swansea the place, as well as the Council within the context of national and international developments. A full copy of the Corporate Energy Strategy is shown in **Appendix A**.

## **2. KEY OBJECTIVES**

The key objectives of the plan include:

- To reduce energy consumption and improve the energy efficiency of City & County of Swansea's public building and housing stock portfolio.
- To invest in renewable technologies that will benefit the council and the wider community.
- To secure or facilitate community access to affordable low carbon/renewable energy.
- Explore and maximise commercial opportunities to benefit community wellbeing and/or financial gain.
- Ensure Energy Strategy and action plan are delivered in line with current legislation.

## **3. ACTION PLAN**

The action plan as shown in **Appendix B** outlines the key actions and timescales going forward.

## **4. EQUALITY AND ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

An initial screen has been carried out and as such there is no requirement for a full EIA. Individual projects and initiatives will assess any specific implications on a case by case basis.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from the Corporate Energy Strategy and the Work Programme will be carried out within existing staff resources and any subsequent financial matters dealt with as and when required in line with financial procedure rules.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct legal implications arising from the Corporate Energy Strategy.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Corporate Energy Strategy

Appendix B – Action Plan