

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 48

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Report of the Scrutiny Panel on Renewable Energy Potential

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The cross-party scrutiny panel on renewable energy potential for the city was established to investigate how best the council and its partners could develop renewable and sustainable energy resources, taking best advantages of the incentives on offer and working to grow emerging renewable energy business in the city.
- 1.2 The scrutiny panel's report is presented here for approval by the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That members:

- 2.1 Endorse the scrutiny panel's report.
- 2.2 Agree to refer the report recommendations to the council's Executive and to the appropriate partner organisations.
- 2.3 To add monitoring of outcomes of agreed recommendations, to the Committee's work plan.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Panel was chaired by Dr Adrian Smith, Science and Technology Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex. Other panel members were Councillors Warren Morgan, Pete West and David Watkins.
- 3.2 The Panel held four public meetings, hearing from 26 expert witnesses, including council officers, representatives of city partner organisations, experts on renewable energy, sustainable energy businesses and local residents.
- 3.3 Detailed information on the subject of renewable energy may be found in the body of the Panel report.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Officers have been consulted on the findings of the scrutiny review

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The financial implications of adopting the scrutiny panel's recommendations will be considered by the Council's Executive alongside the relevant budgets.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Committee has the necessary power to agree the panel's recommendations. It then falls to the Executive and other bodies to whom the recommendations are directed to decide what action, if any, to take in response.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Recommendations in this report are in line with the Council's approaches to equalities and inclusion.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Recommendations in this report take into account sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The recommendations made in this report are in line with the council's priorities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the Renewable Energy Potential Scrutiny Panel, Volume 1.

Background Documents:

1. The Panel report Volume 2 contains the evidence presented to the scrutiny Panel.

