

Council

20th October 2011

Agenda Item 28

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: **Scrutiny Report: Renewable Energy Potential**

Date of Meeting: **20th October 2011**

Report of: **Strategic Director, Resources**

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution requires that the findings of Scrutiny Panels, along with the executive response, be reported to Full Council for information.
- 1.2 This report presents to Council the findings of the Scrutiny Panel on Renewable Energy Potential (Appendix 1) and the Executive response (Appendix 2).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members note Appendices 1 and 2.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Panel was set up by the Environment and Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee because it had been suggested that

'...there has been no large scale support or uptake of renewable energy in the city'.

- 3.2 The aim of the Panel was to find out:

'What is the renewable energy potential of the city? Is this being maximised and if not, why not?'

- 3.3 The Panel held four public meetings, they heard from 24 witnesses and received written evidence from 12 contributors.

- 3.4 The Panel made 13 recommendations which were accepted in principle by the Executive. These can be found in the summary report in Appendix 1.
- 3.5 The full Scrutiny Panel report along with the evidence base is available in Members' Rooms and on the Scrutiny webpages.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report. The Scrutiny Review undertook extensive consultation.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 As indicated in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above, and in accordance with the council's procedure rules on overview and scrutiny, this report is purely for Council to note. There are no further legal implications arising directly from the report.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 10 March 2011

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Summary of the Scrutiny Panel on Renewable Energy Potential.
2. Executive response to the scrutiny recommendations.

Documents in Members' Rooms:

1. Full Scrutiny Panel report and evidence base