



Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee 25 March 2021

Decisions

5. Market Square Project: Consultation Draft Vision and Concept Design

The Committee endorsed the recommendations as amended with new (iii).

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the proposed consultation draft market square project vision and concept design, as detailed in Appendix A and B respectively, for a six-week public consultation starting in May, as outlined in Section 5 of the Officer's report.
- ii. Noted the findings of the market square project operational management and outline business case assessment report in Appendix C of the Officer's report.
- iii. Agreed not to proceed to the design work on RIBA Stages 3 and 4 until the public consultation is complete and the results have been brought to and approved by this committee.

6. Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan 2021-2026

The Committee endorsed the recommendations as amended from new (iii):

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the Council's Climate Change Strategy for 2021-2026.
- ii. Approved the Council's Carbon Management Plan for 2021-2026.
- iii. Commit to ensuring that all future reports aid understanding of carbon emissions by providing: both percentages of total emissions and the absolute denominator in ktCO₂; a definition of the scope of the emissions referred to; and a clear visual representation of the scope of emissions referred to.
- iv. In addition to presenting data on carbon emissions that are within the Council's direct influence, explore the feasibility of quantifying the emissions contained within Council's policy influence and report to Scrutiny Committee in October 2021.
- v. Explore the feasibility of measuring the impact of the Council's future activity on emissions within its direct influence and its policy influence and report to Scrutiny Committee in October 2021.
- vi. The council will prepare a list of existing for gas fired heating systems under council control and their remaining expected service life.

- a. Scope: All gas consumers included in Appendix 4 Figure 10 (page 123 of reports pack)
 - b. Target date: Next committee cycle
- vii. In addition, the committee notes the already recognised need to complete an asset management plan for all the council's corporate building, and additionally recommends that the council ensure that plan addresses the following points:

For all systems with less than 5 years life remaining prepare a report on the:

- a. Extent of insulation, heating system or other work required to ensure feasibility of low carbon heating
- b. Current gas consumption
- c. Estimated combined costs of remedial work and low carbon heating system

Output: Prioritised (by tCO₂/£) list of urgent works required to avoid future replacement of existing heating systems with gas fired boilers at end of life

Target time frame: 12 months.

7. Corn Exchange Heating System

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor noted the report.

8. Storey's Field Centre Future Management Arrangements

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the extension to the existing contract for services for the Storey's Field Centre for a further 18 months from 1st July 2021 – 31 December 2022.
- ii. Delegated any further decisions in respect of the Council's commitments to the implementation of the contract until 31 December 2022 to the Director of Communities.

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