

REPORT TO: Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 30 June 2020

LEAD CABINET MEMBER: Cllr Bridget Smith (Lead Member for Climate Change)

LEAD OFFICER: Head of Waste and Environment

Green to Our Core Project Update

1. This report presents Climate and Environment Advisory Committee (CEAC) with an update in relation to the Council's Green to Our Core Cluster Board and its associated projects.

Recommendations

2. CEAC is requested to review the progress detailed within this report for Green to our Core projects.

Reasons for Recommendations

3. This recommendation enables CEAC to have sight of the progress being made on projects to deliver the Green to Our Core agenda and business plan priority.

Details

4. Details of current projects falling within the Green to Our Core cluster and progress that has been made to date, are included below:

Waterbeach Depot Phase 1 - Solar

The year one annual performance summary confirms that the solar PV installation has achieved a 7 tonne reduction in our CO₂ emissions. It has also achieved £5,266 in electricity savings and Feed-in Tariff payments. This is a saving of £515 more than the £4,750 guarantee that was included within the Investment Grade Proposal.

Taxi EV Charging Points

South Cambs have received funding for the installation of three rapid chargers for use by EV taxis. Suitable sites for the installation of these chargers are currently being identified. This is a joint project with Cambridge City Council.

Zero Carbon Strategy

The Zero Carbon Strategy was adopted at Council on 21st May 2020. A Zero Carbon Action Plan is now being developed.

Procurement of an Energy Performance Contractor

This is a joint procurement that is taken place with other local authority partners, led by Cambridgeshire County Council. We expect the contract to be awarded in Summer 2020.

Greening of South Cambs Hall

We are currently awaiting a decision on planning permission and a schedule for the programme of work is being developed for implementation as soon as planning is approved.

Footway Lighting Upgrade to LED

The Investment Grade Proposal (IGP) was received in May 2020. This confirms the delivery of works by March 2021. The contract is now under development.

Housing Energy Audit

The Housing Energy Audit has been completed and is to be presented as part of another agenda item for this meeting. The next step will be to present to Leadership Team for further direction.

Waterbeach Phase 2 – Lighting Upgrade

We are currently developing and procuring works to deliver the upgrade once restrictions have been lifted.

140 Science Park

High Level Assessment has been received. The next step is to review the business case for this project.

Elm Court Energy Performance

High Level Assessments were requested as part of the procurement process for an energy performance contractor, to look at the feasibility of renewable heat options at this Sheltered Housing site. This project will progress further once the successful energy services provider has been chosen.

Review of Green Grants

Zero Carbon Communities grants has been reviewed, budget agreed and are on track to launch in early July, subject to Cabinet approval on 29th June.

Cambridgeshire Solar Together

Memorandum of Understanding signed June 2020 and on track for launch of the scheme in early September 2020.

Review of Travel to Work Plan

This is an emerging project that was added to the list of the Green to Our Core projects at May's cluster board meeting.

Implications

5. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

The implications in relation to each individual project are raised to the Cluster Board and onwards to the Transformation Board (Leadership Team) using established project management documents and practices, such as the development and approval of Project Initiation Documents and regular progress reports.

Consultation responses

6. The project progress details within this report have been provided by project managers as part of regular updates to the Green to Our Core Cluster Board.

Effect on Council Priority Areas

7. The projects falling within the Green to Our Core Cluster have been identified and commissioned to deliver the objectives and actions of the Green to Our Core Business Plan priority. There are additional effects on other priority areas, such as 'Housing that is truly affordable for everyone to live in' (e.g. delivered through projects focussing on our housing stock) and 'A modern and caring Council' (e.g. delivered through projects that will achieve a financial return).

Background Papers

None.

Appendices

None.

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