RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 16 October 2012

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 9171)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	EUROPEAN COMMISSION COVENANT OF MAYORS ON CLIMATE CHANGE
AUTHOR:	Paul Nichols

THE DECISION

To approve the signing of the Covenant of Mayors adhesion form, as set out in Appendix 2, for submission to the European Commission, as a commitment to meeting and exceeding the EU 20% CO_2 reduction target.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Participating in the Covenant of Mayors initiative would allow Southampton the opportunity to exchange information with key European cities and further highlight the City's commitment to tackling climate change on the international stage.
2. Through participation in the Leadership in Energy Action and Planning (LEAP) project, the development of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan for Southampton is well underway, making it an appropriate time to join the Covenant of Mayors.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

To proceed without the development of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan and without signing-up to the Covenant of Mayors. This would result in a missed opportunity to improve performance through access to a network of signatory cities and no clear route-map supplementing the clear targets and established management framework already in place through the Low Carbon City Strategy.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD
We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 16 October 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY
Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*