

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 15 October 2013

**Decision No:** (CAB 13/14 11334)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES
SUBJECT:	FEASIBILITY WORK FOR THORNHILL DISTRICT ENERGY SCHEME
AUTHOR:	Colin Rowland

### THE DECISION

- (i) To approve for the purposes of the Financial Procedure Rules, expenditure of £120,000 to undertake preparatory work in relation to the proposed Thornhill District Energy Scheme, including consultation with residents, securing planning permission, finalising ECO grant funding and preparations to tender for a Design, Build, Operate and Maintain contract in relation to the scheme, provision for which exists in the 2013/14 HRA revenue budget, with formal contract commitment decision making reports to be presented to Council by November 2013.
- (ii) Note that the detailed financial business case setting out the implications for the GF, HRA and tenants who will be connected to the scheme is currently being prepared and that this will be reported to Council in November.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This is a significant opportunity to provide for a new heating and hot water system to one of the Council's large housing areas of the City.
2. The scheme has the potential to meet a number of the Council's key strategic objectives by providing the opportunity for savings for residents on their fuel bills, a reduction in Carbon and the generation of a long-term revenue stream for the Council.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. An alternative option is for the longer term development of a heating system upgrade in the Thornhill estate in anticipation of further ECO funding support being available post April 2015. This approach carries a risk that ECO funding may no longer be available for this purpose and that

- a delay would negate the highlighted scheme benefits.
2. An option not to invest in this scheme would leave residents with inefficient heating and insulation, and not address fuel poverty.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

Recommendations were received and considered from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013:

- (i) Details on the amount of energy a facility in Thornhill would be capable of producing be circulated to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.
- (ii) That an update on the Marchwood energy pipeline proposal is circulated to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

**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: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

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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

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

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Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

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Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>