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CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015, 4.30 PM

Please find below correspondence send by the Committee Chair following the meeting, together with any responses received.

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7th October 2015

Councillor Ramesh Patel,
Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
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CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Patel,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 14th July 2015

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 14th July 2015. As you are aware the meeting considered items titled 'Council Energy Projects & Proposals for the Route to Market' and 'Implications of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act'. The comments and observations made by Members following this item are set out in this letter.

Council Energy Projects & Proposals for the Route to Market

- Members of the Committee note the progress made in terms of the Council's contribution to increasing renewable energy production in Cardiff. An officer explained that Cardiff would soon be able to produce 40 Mega Watts (MW) of electricity per annum and that 30 MW of this would be provided by the Viridor energy from waste facility. With this in mind I would be grateful if you could confirm:
 - By when it is anticipated that Cardiff will be able to produce 40 MW per annum of renewable electricity;
 - An estimate of total annual electricity consumption in Cardiff (with residential and industrial values to be illustrated);
 - A breakdown of how much of the estimated 40 MW of electricity produced in Cardiff will be generated by Cardiff Council and other local partners respectively.


Implications of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act

- Members appreciate the goals of the new legislation and note the lack of clarity which they hope will be addressed by the Welsh Government guidance notes due to be published in the autumn. The Committee stressed the importance of the Council reviewing the guidance in detail and the impact that this will have on the provision of services in Cardiff. It was felt at the meeting that any future guidance needs to be crisp and clear with quantifiable expectations.

- The Committee are concerned that the new legislation could be bureaucratic and expensive to implement. They would like assurance that the Council will look to minimise bureaucracy around applying the new legislation and to stress that implementation costs need to be kept to a minimum.
- The Committee feel that the new legislation will have a Council wide impact and should, therefore, be considered by the Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee. I will forward a copy of this letter onto the Chair of the Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee so that he can review the appropriateness of including the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act on their work programme.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the requests made in this letter.

Regards,



Councillor Elizabeth Clark
Acting Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

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Councillor Paul Mitchell
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Annwyl / Dear Councillor Mitchell

Environmental Scrutiny Committee - 14 July 2015

Thank you for your letter from Acting Chairperson Councillor Elizabeth Clark in relation to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2015.

Please see information below on the Council's Energy Projects and Proposals for the Route to Market and the Implications of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) as requested.

Council's Energy Projects and Proposals for the Route to Market

It was explained at the meeting that Cardiff would soon be able to produce 40 Mega Watts (MW) of electricity per annum and that 30 MW of this would be provided by the Viridor energy from waste facility.

Please see a response to your following questions:

- ***By when it is anticipated that Cardiff will be able to produce 40 MW per annum of renewable electricity***

I can advise that Cardiff has 8.2MW of peak renewable electricity capacity installed from microgeneration sources

The Viridor Energy from Waste site is commissioned and has a capacity of 30MW.

Due to the recent consultation on Feed in Tariffs it is expected that there will be an increase in installations towards the end of this calendar year, as well as the Council's ambition to install a solar farm at Lamby Way. It is anticipated that this would result in 40MW being achieved in the City by April 2016.

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- ***An estimate of total annual electricity consumption in Cardiff (with residential and industrial values to be illustrated);***

It is difficult to accurately measure energy consumption within the city for two reasons. Firstly, the local distribution network does not conform to the authority's boundaries. Secondly, the local distribution network records power loads required as maximum at any one time and not the actual consumption minute by minute i.e. not the energy used.

Nevertheless, information has been provided by Western Power Distribution for power usage across all relevant city sub stations. Based on this data the city has a maximum demand of 308GW at any point in time.

Unfortunately, this data cannot yet be broken down by sector as it has been derived from substation data; we continue to work with relevant bodies to determine improved to better understand the City's longer term resilience.

- ***A breakdown of how much of the estimated 40 MW of electricity produced in Cardiff will be generated by Cardiff Council and other local partners respectively.***

Subject to the Solar Farm installation at Lamby Way it is anticipated that Cardiff Council's contribution will be as follows:

- Existing Council Operational Buildings – 320kW
- Existing Council Housing – 217kW
- Lamby Way Solar Farm – 5000kW
- A proportion of the Viridor facility is generated from Cardiff's waste and initiated by Cardiff's contractual management of Prosiect Gwyrdd. 50% is sourced from our Partner Authorities and the City. Cardiff will also facilitate the development of a District Heat Network.

Applying these figures to a total capacity of 42.67MW results in Cardiff Council's contribution to be approximately 13%.

Implications of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales)

The Welsh Government consultation on the draft statutory guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is currently open. The guidance has been split into two key parts: Core Guidance that introduces the reader to the Act, and further Technical Guidance on the actions public bodies, public services boards and community councils must follow in order to comply with the Act. The consultation closes on 16 November 2015.

A corporate response is being drafted to take into account views from the key areas affected by the proposed guidance, and to highlight areas where Cardiff is already undertaking good practice. We are keen to minimise any bureaucracy in implementing the Act and to embrace any positive opportunities that the legislation may offer. The key areas affected by the guidance are corporate planning, performance management, partnerships, finance, procurement, risk management, workforce planning and asset management.

As part of our ongoing work with the WLGA as an 'Early Adopter' of the legislation we are holding a workshop with officers from these key areas to further consider the impact of the legislation and to look at where change needs to occur across the Authority. Additionally Welsh Government are holding consultation events around Wales during October and officers will attend the Cardiff consultation event.

I note your comments that this will need to be reviewed by the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee and will be considered in their work programme.

Thank you again for your time, advice and support on these matters.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,



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Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability
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