

Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 18 December 2012

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Energy Supply

At its meeting on 6 November the Committee considered: Modelling of options; Council approach, Energy Service Companies (ESCOs), Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), targets; timescales.

The meeting was held at the SITA Energy From Waste Facility which allowed the Committee the opportunity to see the process being undertaken.

The Committee has begun to develop recommendations with the objective to reduce the cost of energy supply to the council where possible or at least achieve greater stability. In addition many of the approaches under consideration would deliver carbon emissions savings that would reduce the cost of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.

In an ever changing political and environmental landscape it is difficult to accurately predict what the future of energy supply will look like in 2050 when government targets have to be met. As a result the Committee is likely to include the following recommendations:

- All necessary support is given to the work of the Council in developing the potential options for future energy supply.
- The role of renewable energy supply is supported in meeting future demand
- The concept of energy from Council collected waste forms a key element of future energy mix.
- All efforts are given to achieve an energy supply that reduces carbon emissions in line with national targets.
- The delivery of future energy supply is encouraged in a manner that benefits local businesses, skills and employment development.

An additional meeting will take place on 19 December for the Committee to finalise its views.

This review is scheduled to report to Cabinet on 7 February 2013.

Other Work

Review of Impact of Welfare Reform – nothing further has been presented to the Committee since 16 October 2012.