

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

SOLAR ROOFTOP AND BUILDING DECARBONISATION PROJECTS FOR CORPORATE SITES

(i) Details of decision

Denise Turner-Stewart, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities took the decision on behalf of Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment.

The Cabinet Member approved the business case for the solar rooftops and the PSDS3b corporate site decarbonisation projects included in Appendix A of the report.

(ii) Reasons for decision

These projects and the associated costs are part of a wider programme of projects and initiatives that put together plot a pathway to achieve net zero 2030 for Surrey County Council as an organisation as well as identifying savings and income generation to offset as much of the costs of achieving the target as possible. The approach to financing SCC's net zero 2030 programme outlined in Greener Futures Finance Strategy was agreed at Cabinet in July 2023.

The principles of accepting Government grant funding to enable such projects was agreed by Cabinet in April 2022 (Surrey's Greener Futures Grant Programmes). The principles of these PSDS3b programmes have already been approved in December 2022 for the previous PSDS3a funded programme and will be adopted for similar future programmes, the next of which will be PSDS3c in autumn 2023.

To meet the time constraints of the PSDS3b grant conditions, and to enable installation in the corporate sites over the summer months, in June Cabinet approved the governance approach for the programme and delegated approval of the business case to the Cabinet Member for Environment. The business case has now been completed and is included in Appendix A. It follows an earlier business case for schools which was taken for a Cabinet Member decision in July.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None.

Decision taken by:

(i) **Name:** Denise Turner Stewart

(ii) **Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities

Date of Decision: 17 October 2023

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 19 October 2023

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee): 27 October 2023