



Extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Scrutiny Commission held at County Hall, Glenfield on Friday, 11 July 2014.

PRESENT

Mr. S. J. Galton CC (in the Chair)

Mrs. R. Camamile CC
Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC
Dr. S. Hill CC
Mr. Max Hunt CC
Mr. D. Jennings CC

Mr. P. G. Lewis CC
Mr. K. W. P. Lynch CC
Mr. S. D. Sheahan CC
Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC

121. Property Energy Strategy.

The Scrutiny Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources which set out the proposed strategy and recommendations as to how energy was to be procured, planned and managed for the County Council's property resources, which would be considered by the Cabinet on 15 July 2014, for its approval. A copy of the report, marked 'agenda item 10', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussion, the following principal points were noted:

- i) The acknowledgement in paragraph 21 of the report of the Council's current weak position with regards to energy management and performance of its property resources and the proposals within the Property Energy Strategy to move from that weak position to one of strength and control was to be welcomed;
- ii) The planned savings of at least £395,000 through to 2016/17 had already been factored in to the MTFs, but if further savings could be generated as a result of energy efficiency they would be pursued;
- iii) The greatest opportunity for focussing effort to reduce and change current energy consumption levels was focussed around the three largest corporate buildings (which accounted for more than 50% of the total energy costs of corporately managed properties);
- iv) However, all corporate managed properties would continue to be reviewed as part of the strategy and their energy performance monitored. Where buildings were under performing and didn't have the capacity to improve they were likely to be disposed of at the opportune time when they could achieve a desirable market value.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission as outlined above be submitted to the Cabinet for its consideration on 15 July 2014;
- b) That the Director of Corporate Resources be requested to present a report back to the Commission in 18 months, detailing progress in meeting the budget and performance monitoring targets contained in section 6.2 of the proposed Property Energy Strategy 2014.