
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change
Date	9 March 2022
Present	Councillor Widdowson

10. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interests she might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

11. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 9 February 2022 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

12. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the session under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

13. Decarbonisation Plans

The Executive Member considered a report that highlighted the proposals to decarbonise City of York Council's corporate buildings.

The Assistant Director of Policy and Strategy presented the report and it was noted that the use of £50,000 from the Climate Change Scheme Fund would cover decarbonisation plans for 5 to 10 of the council's corporate buildings. These buildings currently generated 1,713 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, with West Offices, York Crematorium and Marjorie Waite Court generating the highest emissions.

The Executive Member welcomed the scheme and

Resolved: That the use of £50,000 from the Climate Change Scheme Fund to cover the creation of decarbonisation plans for 5 to 10 of the council's corporate buildings, be approved.

Reason: Decarbonisation plans for our corporate buildings present an opportunity to reduce the council's carbon emissions and reduce energy bills while providing the basis for external grant funding, minimising the cost of capital works to the council. The Climate Change Scheme Fund was established to support carbon reduction initiatives.

14. York Local Area Energy Plan

The Executive Member considered a report that highlighted the establishment of a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) for York.

The Assistant Director of Policy and Strategy informed the Executive Member that producing a LAEP for York would be an important part of a wider North Yorkshire energy plan and delivering York's LAEP alongside the North Yorkshire plan would provide an efficiency and cost saving to the council of £25k to £35k.

The Executive Member noted that a LAEP for York would reduce emissions, deliver future cost savings and ensure future infrastructure was located appropriately.

Resolved: That the allocation of £90,000 from the 2021/22 Carbon Reduction Budget and £20,000 from 2022/23 budget to carry out a Local Area Energy Plan for York, be approved.

Reason: A Local Area Energy Plan is an important component of York's net zero carbon transition. As well as reducing emissions, the project is expected to deliver future cost savings, deferred investment and value for money to the council; ensuring that future infrastructure is located appropriately, technologies are future proofed and investment is strategically targeted.

Cllr Widdowson, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 3.00pm and finished at 3.05pm].