

CABINET – 13TH OCTOBER 2022

Report of the Scrutiny Commission

FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR CARBON REDUCTION

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Feasibility Studies for Carbon Reduction report.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Strategic Director: Commercial and Economic Development.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. The £150k funding referred to in the report was intended for direct use on any measure to reduce or offset carbon. This did not include any Council resource costs such as officer time as this was part of the Council's running costs.
- ii. The Council had actively looked to reduce carbon in ways such as fleet upgrades and the potential of a new, lower carbon Council office.
- iii. Councils within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland were working to coordinate climate change efforts and the Council was taking others' strategies into account in forming a new climate change strategy.
- iv. The Council would take a prudent approach with regards to the spending of the £150k referred to in the report, ensuring due diligence throughout the process.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 37 2022/23, 10th October 2022
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