

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – RESOURCES**

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DRAFT DERBYSHIRE ENERGY STRATEGY

**Report of the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee-
Resources**

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Committee of the involvement of a scrutiny working group in the development of the Derbyshire Energy Strategy.

2. Information and analysis

Background

At its meeting on 19 September 2018, CMT-Cabinet gave support for the development of a Derbyshire Energy Strategy.

The draft Energy Strategy sets out the Council's ambition for the county in terms of energy affordability, energy security and the impact of energy generation and use on health and climate change. The strategy aims to address energy issues in relation to the Council's operations (and its estate) as well as its role as a community leader.

The draft Strategy was presented to both the Places and the Resources Improvement and Scrutiny Committees on 28 November and 6 December 2018 respectively. Following this, a working group made up of Members from both Committees was set up to have a more in depth discussion about the implications of the strategy and the options for taking it forward.

The cross-party working group discussed the proposed vision and priorities and indicated their support for the wording set out below.

Vision

To promote the transition to 100% clean energy for power, heat and transport, by 2050 or earlier, benefiting our economy and our communities.

Priorities

- Help Derbyshire develop smart, decarbonised and decentralised power, heat and transport infrastructures fit for the future
- Help Derbyshire residents and businesses use energy more efficiently
- Help Derbyshire residents, communities and businesses reduce reliance on energy generated from fossil fuels

- Stimulate business opportunities and job creation arising from the growth of the low carbon sector
- Reduce energy use and increase the proportion of renewable energy generated on the Council's own estate and in its operations, exploiting income generation opportunities where viable

Members requested further information about potential actions relating to each of the priorities and expressed an interest in developing a better understanding of different energy sources. Therefore a second meeting of the Working Group was held on 28 January 2019 where Members received a briefing about the advantages and disadvantages of different energy sources and considered possible actions in more detail

3. Next Steps

Member's feedback will contribute to the further development of the Energy Strategy together with feedback from officers and partners.

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