

Officer Decisions

Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment - Dave Black

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

Devon County Council (DCC) officer response to the Department of Energy and Climate Change 'The Renewable Heat incentive: A Reformed and Refocused Scheme Consultation Document'.

Decision Taken

An officer response has been submitted to the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Key messages in the response are:

1. The proposed budget cap that would close the scheme to new entrants will need to be implemented carefully if it is not to stifle investors' confidence;
2. More support is required for heat pump technology;

A tariff guarantee is needed for community-owned schemes.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

The alternative is to support DECC's proposals but it's believed these would be detrimental to the renewable and community heat sectors.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

The consultation response was prepared on behalf of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment by the Environment and Sustainability Policy Officer and Corporate Energy Manager who both regularly volunteer with Exeter Community Energy.

Contact for enquiries/further information

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Decision Date

27 April 2016

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