



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Scrutiny Commission 14 March 2024

Wards affected: All wards

Council motion in relation to utility companies' preparedness for future growth

Report of the Director (Corporate & Street Scene Services)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To propose the scope of the review into preparedness of the utility companies for future growth.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Representatives of Cadent Gas, National Grid and Severn Trent Water be invited to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Commission.

3. Background to the report

- 3.1 At its meeting on 30 January 2024, Council approved the following motion:

“The main service suppliers for water / sewage, electricity and gas be called upon to provide assurance that they have the resources and infrastructure in place to provide for existing households and business premises and future housing, warehousing and business developments.”

During debate, it was suggested that the Scrutiny Commission may be the appropriate body to take responsibility for the matter.

- 3.2 At its meeting on 1 February, the Scrutiny Commission agreed to add the matter to the work programme for future review.

- 3.3 Initial contact has been made with Cadent Gas, National Grid and Severn Trent Water to ascertain the correct representative from each to invite to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Commission. It is hoped that a representative of

each of the three organisations can be invited to a single meeting of the Scrutiny Commission.

- 3.4 Representatives will be asked to present their plans for future preparedness and to answer any questions of the Scrutiny Commission. It is not anticipated that a further meeting will be required, but is not ruled out at this stage depending on the outcome of those discussions.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

- 4.1 To be taken in public session.

5. Financial implications (IB)

- 5.1 None.

6. Legal implications (ST)

- 6.1 None.

7. Corporate Plan implications

- 7.1 People: this report has implications for health in terms of discharge of sewage.

- 7.2 Places: this report supports the key commitments as it has implications for the authority's ability to increase access to electric vehicle charging points across the borough.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 None.

9. Risk implications

- 9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

- 9.3 No significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment.

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

- 10.1 The outcomes from this report and subsequent review will have implications for all communities in urban and rural areas as all residents access at least one of the services under discussion.
- 10.2 There is no proposed change in service, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

11. Climate implications

- 11.1 This report does not have a direct impact on climate change but will help to ensure that the infrastructure to mitigate climate change is in place.

12. Corporate implications

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
- Community safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data protection implications
 - Voluntary sector

Background papers: Minutes of Council, 30 January 2024
Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission, 1 February 2024.

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