

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 December 2017

Report of the Head of Planning and Environment

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

Lancashire County Council's Response to the National Government Clean Growth Strategy

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is seeking feedback on a proposed Clean Growth Strategy. The Strategy sets out proposals for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy through the 2020s. It explains how the whole country can benefit from low carbon opportunities, while meeting national and international commitments to tackle climate change.

A draft response to the consultation is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the draft response to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's 'Clean Growth Strategy' as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has published its Clean Growth Strategy. The Strategy sets out a comprehensive set of policies and proposals of 'clean growth'. The Strategy defines 'clean growth' as delivering increased economic growth whilst at the same time decreasing emissions. In the context of the UK's legal requirements under the Climate Change Act, the UK's approach to reducing emissions as 2 guiding objectives:

1. To meet the UK's domestic commitments at the lowest possible net cost to taxpayers, consumers and businesses; and
2. Maximise the social and economic benefits for the UK from this transition.

Within this context the Strategy details a series of key policies and proposals. These include:

1. Accelerating clean growth: proposals aim to develop world leading Green Finance Capabilities.
2. Develop a package of measures to support businesses to improve their energy productivity, by at least 20% by 2030
3. Improving the energy efficiency of homes
4. Roll out low carbon heating
5. Accelerate the shift to low carbon transport
6. Deliver Clean, Smart, Flexible Power
7. Enhance the benefits and value of our natural resources
8. Lead the public sector in reducing emissions

In the context of Lancashire County Council responsibilities, feedback is offered on the following objectives in the strategy:

Objective 2. Develop a package of measures to support businesses to improve their energy productivity, by at least 20% by 2030

Objective 3. Improving the energy efficiency of homes policies and proposals relating to Housing and number and;

Objective 5. Accelerate the shift to low carbon transport

An early stage draft of the consultation response is attached as Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

Consultation was sought from a variety of stakeholders within the County Council. To date responses have been received from, Planning and Environment, Public Health: Wider Determinates and Economic Development

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no legal or financial risks.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Clean Growth Strategy https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-growth-strategy	12 October 2017	Andrew Hewitson, Tel: 01772 534601

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A