

# ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT (HECA) REPORT

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. This report informs EMT on the HECA update report 2017.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The council is required under the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) to provide a report on energy conservation for residential properties with the New Forest District.

2.2 The 2017 HECA report (Appendix 1) outlines the progress made since the previous report in March 2015, and sets targets for the next period (2017-2019).

2.3 The next report will be due in March 2019 and every two years thereafter until March 2027.

## 3. FINDINGS

3.1 The tables within the report show how our District compares to local and national statistics regarding CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, domestic energy and gas consumption, households and fuel poverty, and domestic solar PV systems.

3.2 The report highlights that:

- Carbon emissions from domestic sources in the New Forest have fallen by 19% in the 2009 – 2014 period, which is slightly better than the Hampshire and UK averages. We have already exceeded the target set for CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions.
- The gas and electric consumption across the district continues to show a steady decline.
- We are average on both fuels compared to other authorities within Hampshire.
- Fuel poverty is slightly lower in our district compared to the Hampshire average.
- As a Council, we continue to produce electricity on our solar PV schemes on some of our properties, namely ATC, LTH, Lyndhurst and Barton public conveniences, and Totton & Lymington Health & Leisure Centres.

## 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The report highlights progress in the right direction across the district.

4.2 As a legal requirement, once agreed this report should be uploaded on our website and linked to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

4.3 As a Council we should consider how energy matters are prioritised and managed most appropriately, so as to positively affect energy usage for the future of the District.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no implications for this report, but future financial implications are dependent on the direction the Council wishes to take in the future.

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The results of this report should have a positive impact on the environment by reduced energy use.

**7. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None.

**8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the HECA report, attached as Appendix 1 to this report be endorsed, and commended to the Portfolio Holder for Publication on the District Council's website from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, and that the report be also submitted to The secretary of state for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial strategy

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