

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Environment, Highways and Waste Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report advises Members on the progress of the Select Committee on Renewable Energy and invites suggestions for future Select Committee Topic Reviews.

Select Committee: Renewable Energy

1. (1) Since this Committee met in March the Select Committee on Renewable Energy has continued with its evidence gathering meetings and attended conferences and made visits that include; Pine Calyx nr Dover and Renewable Energy Systems Holdings Limited.

(2) The Select Committee is now looking to form its recommendations and write its report by the end of July.

(3) Regular update reports will be submitted to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees (POSCs) to keep Members informed of the progress of the Select Committee.

Suggestions for Select Committee Topic Reviews

2. At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 24 February 2010 Members received an update on the current Select Committee topic review programme. Although resources to support reviews are all currently allocated, there would be the potential to start new reviews in November 2010 and January 2011. It was agreed that Members would be asked to consider whether there are any topics that they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future topic review programme. If Members do have any suggestions could they contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

Recommendation

3. Members are asked to note the progress on the Select Committee for Renewable Energy, and to advise the Democratic Services Officer of any items that they would like to suggest for inclusion in the Select Committee topic review programme.

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