

Energy Security Select Committee - Select Committee Recommendation Progress Update

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<p>Recommendations 1 to 6: The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport writes to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, to highlight key issues of concern for national and local energy security, such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of further new nuclear both nationally and for Kent (see Section 5.1, p.81) 2. The need for the introduction of stronger national building standards, requiring both increased energy efficiency and generation measures in new developments (Section 5.1, p.84) 3. The need for additional financial support and incentives for community energy projects following the reduction of the FiT (Section 4.2, p.76) 	<p>All issues were dealt with in 2016. Since then the policy context has changed significantly, but many of the lobbying issues have remained the same and these have been incorporated into the Draft Energy Low Emissions Strategy due for consultation in June 2019.</p> <p>The Draft Energy and Low Emissions strategy due for consultation in June 2019 will take on all ongoing actions from the Energy Security Select Committee. Energy has been mainstreamed into the Kent Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Kent Design is being refreshed and will contain energy and sustainability guidance. KCC are developing their own capital programmes guidance which will be complimentary with and inform the Kent Design refresh.</p> <p>An Energy Utilities Scrutiny Sub Committee is underway and will report in October 2019. Actions arising will be incorporated into the Energy and Low Emissions Strategy Implementation Plan.</p>	<p>Closed</p>

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<p>4. The need for local authority control and management of any future energy efficiency schemes that replace ECO (Section 5.3, p.103)</p> <p>5. The need for energy utilities to produce and implement 25 year management plans, akin to those held by water utilities (Section 6.1, p.120)</p> <p>6. The need to ensure that the South-East CORE is adequately resourced and supported so as to facilitate the continued uptake of renewable (wind) energy within Kent (Section 4.2, p.74).</p>		
<p>7: That KCC, working in partnership with relevant organisations, builds on the work of the Select Committee in identifying key opportunities and risks to Kent's energy infrastructure, ensuring the evidence base underpinning our energy security is up-to-date and robust (Section 2.4, p.35)</p>	<p>Energy evidence base reviewed and reported annually as part of the Kent State of the Environment Report. This evidence base has been expanded as part of the evidence base for the Draft Energy and Low Emissions Strategy (referred to above) and will continue to be reviewed annually.</p>	<p>Ongoing, part of KES and ELES</p>
<p>8: That KCC leads by example through driving further energy saving and energy generation measures across its estate - in accordance with KCC's Carbon Management Plan - and in</p>	<p>Ongoing. Salix Recycling Energy Fund since 2004. £4.5m invested, £15m cost savings. All from initial £340k KCC seed funding. In addition, over 40 micro generation projects have</p>	<p>Ongoing, part of KES and ELES</p>

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partnership with Kent social housing providers and districts (Section 4.1, p.67)	<p>been installed across the KCC estate. Feasibility studies are currently being completed for some significant investment in solar and a District Heating Scheme.</p> <p>KCC will look to invest further through the Draft Energy and Low Emissions Strategy.</p>	
9: That KCC creates a communications strategy strengthening its engagement with businesses and local communities to help them understand the benefit of reducing energy use and generating their own energy (Section 4.2, p.76)	<p>Ongoing. A communications strategy has been drafted, resources are now being sourced to deliver it.</p> <p>In addition, KCC has launched the Year of Green Action and will have a stand focused on this theme at the County Show this year.</p>	Ongoing, part of KES and ELES
10: That KCC investigates the feasibility of creating investment measures to develop local, low-carbon energy generation and diversification projects (Section 5.2, p.101)	Ongoing. As above in terms of current investment through Salix, including large LED lighting project. Various measures being explored as part of the Draft Energy and Low Emissions Strategy and in partnership with SELEP, EM3 LEP and Coast to Capital LEP through the TRILEP Energy Strategy.	Ongoing, part of KES, ELES and the TRILEP Strategy
11: That KCC works with partners and local authorities to influence the design and planning process for developments from the start, so as to ensure that they are as energy efficient as possible (Section 5.3, p.106)	Ongoing. Refresh of Kent Design will be reviewed taking sustainability, energy, water and climate change into consideration. Specific clean growth policies are being looked at as part of the Draft Energy and Low Emissions Strategy	Ongoing, part of KES and ELES
12: That KCC works with educational institutions within Kent to ensure that students and apprentices are given the necessary skillsets and expertise required for working across the energy sector (Section 5.4, p.111)	Paused while more discussions are held with the Sector.	Paused

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13: That KCC continues to strengthen its ability to work in partnership with local authorities, relevant agencies, businesses, community groups and the education and training sector to make sure that a comprehensive approach is taken in ensuring energy security for Kent (Section 6.1, p.116)	Ongoing. Partnership working across geographical areas and sectors will be a significant part of the Draft Energy and Low Emissions Strategy	Ongoing
14: That LASER and Sustainable Business and Communities investigate the feasibility of KCC establishing itself as an energy supplier to the local community (Section 6.1, p.118)	This was examined and dismissed in 2016/17. This will be relooked at on an ongoing basis to continually assess the opportunities.	Complete at this time.
15: That KCC works in partnership with UKPN and relevant energy generation companies within Kent to better understand the risks to Kent's energy systems and how these can be mitigated (Section 6.1, p.120)	Ongoing. The Energy Utilities Scrutiny Committee has and is engaging with UKPN, SGN and OFGEM re energy infrastructure.	Ongoing