

Recommendation to Cabinet

12 March 2024

From Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 26 February 2024

Grid Capacity Review

For Decision

Portfolio Holder: Cllr R Bryan, Highways, Travel and Environment

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Recommendation:

That the recommendations of the Grid Capacity Task & Finish Group, set out within section 4 of the cover report to the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee, on the council's future approach to the strategic risks and opportunities regarding the electricity network, be approved, subject to the following:

- i) That, in respect of recommendation 6, MPs be invited to a meeting to enable councillors and officers to directly brief them on the issues and difficulties faced with the grid infrastructure and the issues raised during the review
- ii) That an additional recommendation (7) be included – That the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee monitor grid provision in Dorset and associated issues including emerging policy and regulatory reform, on an annual basis

- iii) That a councillor webinar be provided post May 2024 regarding grid capacity, including technologies and the future impact on planning and energy provision
- iv) That a councillor site visit be arranged post May 2024 to Canford Renewable Energy.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report to Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26 February 2024 – Grid Capacity Review (includes Appendix 1 – Grid Capacity Review – A final report of the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group inquiry, Jan 2024)

Appendix 2 – Extract from draft minutes of the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 26 February 2024 – Grid Capacity Review

Background papers

[Agenda for Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 26th February, 2024, 10.00 am - Dorset Council](#)