

Summary Delegated Powers Report

TITLE	Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme – Allowance Purchase & Surrender 2013/14
DATE OF DECISION	12 th September 2014
DECISION TAKER	Chris Naylor, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance
SUMMARY OF DECISION	To draw down on the Council's carbon allowance contingency for 2013/14 and purchase and surrender the necessary carbon allowances in compliance with the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRCEES) statutory requirements.
AUDIT TRAIL OF DECISION – RETAINED AND WHERE?	Documents relating to the decision will be held within the Council Carbon Reduction Commitment Evidence Pack

The CRCEES is a mandatory climate change and energy saving scheme which forms a central part of the UK's strategy for improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The scheme principally covers sources of CO₂ emissions from electricity and gas fuel usage derived from fixed point sources such as buildings and industrial processes for which participants are required to purchase carbon allowances to cover their emissions.

The Council registered for the CRCEES phase 1 in September 2010 with an annual consumption exceeding the 6,000 Megawatt hours qualification threshold establishing it as a full participant in the scheme.

The payment for Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) allowances is a requirement under the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2010 which continues to have effect in relation to the first phase under the 2010 order. Detailed provisions for the same can be found under the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (Allocation of Allowances for Payment) Regulations 2012.

The allowances liability for 2013-14 has been calculated to be £364,632 which equates to annual CO₂ emissions of 30,386 tonnes. The Council currently holds carbon allowances to a value of £23,664 within the CRC Registry and this report seeks permission to draw down on that provision to purchase the necessary allowances of £340,632. Once purchased the total allowance liability of £364,632 will be surrendered and no further allowances will be held under phase 1.

Provision for allowance purchase of £372,722 has been made in the 2013/14 accounts for the liability incurred in financial year 2013/14.

The Constitution, Article 15, Responsibility for Functions, Annex B, Scheme of Delegated Authority to Officers, section 1.1 states that Chief Officers as listed in Article 9 of the

Constitution can take decisions in all matters where they have managerial or professional authority.

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) are not applicable in this case as this is a direct payment to the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) under a statutory requirement. Refer to CPR clause 16.18, "Non-Procurement" expenditure applies where the Council has to pay for a Service which it did not initiate or for payments where it is not appropriate to tender including (but not exclusively) inter authority and inter agency payments.

It is proposed to draw down on the Council's allowance contingency for 2013/14 and purchase and surrender the necessary carbon allowances in compliance with the CRCEES statutory requirements.

DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT

I have the required powers to make the decision documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision making framework of the organisation which includes Constitution, Scheme of Delegation, Budget and Policy Framework and Legal issues including Equalities obligations.

I have considered the issues referred to in this report and do not consider they are likely to raise significant levels of public concern or comment or give rise to policy considerations.

I authorise the above decision

Signed	<u>Chris Naylor</u>
Designation	<u>Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance</u>
Date	<u>16.09.2014</u>