

1. **Solar Together Group Buy Scheme** (Pages 2 - 4)

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by an officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

Solar Together Group Buy Scheme

Delegated Power

Council Constitution, Part 3 Responsibilities for Council Functions, Section 2 Functions Delegated to Cabinet Members and Officers - Scheme of Delegation, functions:

5.12 Climate Change Policies

5.12.1 The Chief Executive and Executive Directors in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment: day to day management and development of policy. Ensure executive decisions are taken in accordance with the law and financial and policy guidelines.

The Council will sign up to a concessions contract with IChoosr to take part in the Norfolk round of the Solar Together group buy scheme.

Decision Taken

This follows the adopted Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan measure para 8.3 Action "No. 36 – Explore opportunities for micro generation, e.g., solar collective purchasing scheme, promoting government grant funding etc"

The Council will sign up to a concessions contract to participate in the Solar Together group buy for solar panel and battery storage.

Reasons for the Decision

This will allow West Norfolk residents and small and medium businesses the opportunity to consider installing a solar PV panel system with or without a battery storage option. By signing up to the scheme, local residents and SME's could see significant savings against market prices.

Options considered

No other similar scheme or provider is available.

Norwich City, Broadland and South Norfolk Councils within Norfolk have already signed up to this scheme.

Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests.

None

List of Background papers

Solar Together website <https://solartogether.co.uk/landing>

Authorisation

Post Held: Chief Executive

Signature



Date 08.07.2022

Consultation with members/officers

If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:

Signed by Member as consulted: Councillor Paul Kunes

Date 08.07.2022



Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



Name of policy/service/function	Solar Together				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	New / Existing (delete as appropriate)				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Sign up to concession contract with IChoosr to participate in the Norfolk Solar Together auction				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			X	
	Disability			X	
	Gender			X	
	Gender Re-assignment			X	
	Marriage/civil partnership			X	
	Pregnancy & maternity			X	
	Race			X	
	Religion or belief			X	
	Sexual orientation			X	
Other (eg low income)				X	
Question	Answer	Comments			
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	Yes / No				
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	Yes / No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	Yes / No				
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>	Yes / No	<p>Actions: Those households on low incomes may not be able to afford the cost of installing solar panels. To mitigate this Housing Standards are providing support and information on a number of schemes that will assist low-income households with energy efficiency measures for their property to reduce costs and lessen the impact of fuel poverty</p>			
		<p>Actions agreed by EWG member: Name</p>			
Assessment completed by: Name					
Job title	Date				

Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.