

COMMUNITIES, HOMES AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29th JUNE 2023

CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS – UPDATE

THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:-

- To request the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee to look at the broader issue of energy efficiency and generation of energy in relation to the historic stock of the county.

Reason(s)

- The Broad issues of energy efficiency and generation falls outside the remit to the Communities, Homes and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: A. Vaughan Owen (Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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At the Communities, Homes and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting on Wednesday 5th April the Committee considered a report on the extension of 10 Conservation Areas within Carmarthenshire (as identified within the report) where it we explored the issue of Renewable Energy given our existing Climate Emergency. Members at that time felt strongly about the need to extend Solar Panels as broadly as possible across the County and resolved to approach the Welsh Government on the issue of restricting the installation of Solar Panels on the front elevation of roofs in Conservation Areas.

On Thursday 15th June the Chair of the Communities, Homes and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee met with the Local Authority's Built Heritage team, Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability, Aled Vaughan Owen, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability, and Councillor Russel Sparkes to discuss the issues at the Tywi Centre in Llandeilo. At that meeting, a number of areas were explored in which it could be ensured that our old housing stock (33% of our domestic housing across Wales) is better adapted to helping us to meet our Zero Carbon targets, which included installing Solar panels on protected buildings.

As a result of that discussion, it was proposed that the Council do not now approach the Welsh Government on this issue, contrary to the Committees earlier recommendation, but that the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny committee be requested to look at the broader issue of energy efficiency and generation of energy in relation to the historic housing stock of the county.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED Yes	N/A
<p>Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: There are none.</p>	