

Officer Decisions

Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment - Dave Black Head of Planning, Transportation & Environment

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

Devon County Council officer response to the Department of Energy and Climate Change 'Consultation on Changes to Feed-in Tariff Accreditation'.

Decision Taken

Officer response submitted to the Department of Energy and Climate Change stating that Devon County Council (DCC) does not believe the removal of pre-accreditation is appropriate for community projects, as this will undermine the development of community-based renewable schemes and the implementation of the commendable objectives of DECC's Community Energy Strategy which DCC has been actively supporting through its Community Energy Accelerator project.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

The alternative is to support DECC's intention to remove the facility to pre-accredit FiT rates, which for the reasons explained above would be detrimental to the community energy sector.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

The consultation response was prepared on behalf of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment by the Principal Environmental Policy Officer who regularly volunteers with Exeter Community Energy.

Contact for enquiries/further information

Doug Eltham

Decision Date

19 August 2015

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