

## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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**SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE**

### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

To add other organisations, including parish councils and community centres, for potential participation in the Solar Together scheme. See Delegated Decision 23.11.2021:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media-uploads/10.%20Rec%20of%20Delegated%20Decision%20Solar%20Group%20Buy%20Scheme%20Report%2023.11.21.pdf>

### **2. DECISION TAKER**

Sarah Kingsley, Service Director – Place

### **3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

2 September 2022

### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 See delegated decision 23.11.2021. Following discussions with iChoosr that occurred after the delegated decision of 23.22.2021, it was stated that in principle any premises that is able to accommodate solar PV can benefit from the scheme (subject to some caveats including items around owners/lease agreements, various permissions, and building size/height). As such, businesses, social housing providers, schools, community centres, and other such organisations are free to register their interest with Solar Together. The Council is making the decision to specifically inform Parish Councils and Community Centres of the Solar Together scheme via email to widen access to the benefits of solar PV and the generation of renewable energy.

### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 See delegated decision 23.11.2021

### **6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)**

6.1 See delegated decision 23.11.2021

### **7. FORWARD PLAN**

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan. See delegated decision 23.11.2021

### **8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 See delegated decision 23.11.2021

### **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. Under terms of reference 14.6.9(a)(i) of the Constitution, the Service Director Place, as Lead Climate Change Officer has delegated authority to; manage, direct and control all resources allocated to the Directorate in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures. Climate Change and green issues fall under the directorate by virtue of 14.6.9(b)(xi). There are no other direct legal implication to this report.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no specific revenue implications arising from this decision. See delegated decision 23.11.2021.

## **11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 The primary risk to the Council is a reputational one in the event that the installation of the product does not provide the best customer experience, as we would be contributing our branding to the scheme. However, it is expected that this risk be minor and mitigated prior to auction (commitment to proceed) as each provider is vetted for financial stability and their customer relations standards. Due diligence checks with other councils who have worked with iChoosr on this scheme (Suffolk and Cambridge) have provided positive feedback.

## **12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 12.2 There are no equalities implications identified as arising from this decision.

## **13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1 See delegated decision 23.11.2021.

## **14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1. See delegated decision 23.11.2021, for which an Environmental Impact Assessment was undertaken.

## **15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 15.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this decision.

## **16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 16.1 None.

## **17. APPENDICES**

- 17.1 None.

## **NOTIFICATION DATE**

2 September 2022

**Signature of Executive Member Consulted**



**Date 01 September 2022**

Signature of Decision Taker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. King", written in a cursive style.

**Please Note:** that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.

**Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS. This is a NON-EXECUTIVE DECISION.**