Solar photovoltaic installation programme – Update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Council's solar photovoltaic (PV) installation programme, advising

(1) that the PV power generation on the Council estate represented an opportunity to achieve reductions in carbon emissions and cost associated with the Council's electricity usage;

(2) that a phased program to install PV generation would be initiated across the Council estate on suitable properties and that the Council currently operated 33 PV arrays located on rooftops with varying generation capacity as measured in kilowatt peak;

(3) that the PV installation project would seek to maximise the generation capacity achievable and therefore the emission reductions and financial benefits, through use of the available £2m in Council capital funding;

(4) of the 8 buildings identified for Phase 1 along with the proposed PV installation capacity together with future phases, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the next steps in the process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) the capital funding available and plans to maximise the benefits of match funding;

(iii) the proposed phased approach to installation, including the progress towards delivering Phase 1 and the preparations for future phases; and

(iv) that further updates would be provided to committee on an annual basis; and

(b) agreed that the next steps should include reference to the Community Renewable Energy Framework with regards to community participation in Solar PV projects.