

## **EAST PARK SOLAR FARM**

- 5.2 The Panel discussed the East Park Solar Farm Report at its meeting on 4th September 2024.
- 5.3 In response to a question from Councillor Howell, it was confirmed to the Panel that the Memorandum of Understanding was signed off in April 2024 and that collaborative working with other local authorities was in place where possible.
- 5.4 The Panel were assured, following questions from Councillor Cawley and Councillor Martin that ward Councillors would be communicated with to stay apprised of progress in relation to the technical matters which will be within the Council's remit for the Development Consent Order process.
- 5.5 Following an enquiry from Councillor Blackwell, the Panel heard that renewable and low carbon energy were key targets within the Local Plan and it was felt that this development helped the Council to deliver these targets as well as aligning with the Council's Climate Strategy. It was noted that this development was of national significance therefore would be developed ahead of the Local Plan timescales alongside recognising the challenges in delivering sustainable energy within the district. The Panel also heard that landscaping of the development would be detailed and developed as the project progressed.
- 5.6 Following the discussion, the Panel were informed that their comments would be added to the Cabinet report in order for an informed decision to be made on the report recommendations.