

**CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**  
**(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 8th November 2011, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered the report by the Head of Environmental Management containing an update on the Carbon Management Plan. Members did not reach a consensus on the UDF. The following paragraphs contain a summary of the Panel's discussions on the report.

**2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS**

- 2.1 The Panel has noted the good progress that has been made towards the achievement of the Council's carbon reduction targets.
- 2.2 Members have focussed on the Council's plans to reduce its energy consumption through the installation of PV systems. Although the government has indicated that it will change its policy, which will reduce the rate of return, it is still considered that the installation of systems will provide an advantageous return.
- 2.3 Owing to the fact that the market in PV systems is fluctuating, the Panel has recommended that the Appendices should be updated to reflect market rates. On the understand that this will be done and that further analysis of the viability of the project is undertaken in light of government policy changes, the Panel has supported the recommendations in the report by the Head of Environmental Management

**3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Cabinet is requested to take into consideration the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) as set out above when considering this item.

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**Background Documents** - Reports and Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) held on 8th November 2011.