

Decision No: SCC18 – 22/10/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 32 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET COMMITTEE DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	PILOT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECTS
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THE DECISION

- (1) That the Cabinet Committee notes the progress made within the relevant services in which the EMS has been piloted so far, and approves it as a business case for implementation of an EMS into other suitable service areas of the council portfolio.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

A drive for efficiency and Value for Money coupled with new environmental performance requirements in the UoR assessment mean that a more comprehensive and accountable environmental management approach is required.

Implementation of a formal EMS through the approach outlined in this paper now provides comprehensive knowledge, management and continued improvement of the council's environmental performance in the relevant service areas where it has been successfully implemented. Furthermore, it supports our goal for 'performing well'.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

An evaluation of all alternative options was considered during the research stages of the pilot to ensure that the best approach was selected for this pilot.

The alternative for the recommendations for this report is for no formal environmental management system, including any external verification of environmental management and performance to be extended into any new service area. The responsibility of ensuring that environmental legislation is being upheld as well as identifying financial savings through improved energy and waste management, for instance, would also be left to the

discretion, knowledge and awareness of individual managers. This may prevent any underlying weaknesses from being uncovered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

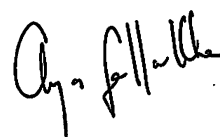
Date:

22 October 2010

Decision Maker:

Councillor Ayas Fallon-Khan
Chairman of the Sustainability Cabinet
Committee

Signed:



Proper Officer:

22 October 2010

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:



SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny 'Call-In' provisions.

Call-In Period

23-29 October 2010

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*