

## MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 20 January 2020

### AGENDA ITEM 8

#### QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

**1) Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Tracey Coulson  
Ward Member for the Stow Wold Ward.**

Is the Leader aware of the work on the Local Electricity Bill which is currently progressing through parliament?

Do you

(i) acknowledge the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(ii) recognise that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iii) further recognise

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- Does he support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and consider taking action including:
  - informing the local media of his position
  - writing to the local MP, asking him to support the Bill, and
  - Writing to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing his support.

Thank you  
Councillor Tracey Coulson  
Stow Ward