

Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 September 2025 on Oxfordshire Local Area Energy Planning (item 10 on the 10 September 2025 Executive agenda)

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member	Lead Officer
1. That the Council continues to work with partners, and considers work done by the Co-Operative Party, to explore and develop energy models that maximise community benefits from renewable energy assets.	Y	The LAEP project team will continue to liaise with partners, like the Low Carbon Hub, to explore energy models and how community benefits can be maximised from renewable energy assets.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager
2. That the Council seeks to lobby the government for legislative changes to enable local communities to benefit from renewable energy schemes.	Y	The LAEP team will continue to lobby the government on legislation to require community stewardship and benefits from renewable energy schemes.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager
3. That the Council's emerging local plan policies are aligned with the aims of the LAEP, for example by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that there are site allocations of sufficient size to incorporate on-site renewable energy schemes, where appropriate. Encouraging community ownership and/or management of shared land in new developments to unlock the potential for local residents to benefit from renewable energy schemes in future. 	Y	<p>The Local Plan will seek to support the objectives of the LAEP as it is considered to be a key influencer for the Local Plan, particularly in terms of energy infrastructure planning.</p> <p>LAEP data will continue to shape the plan-making process. Local Plan policies will be designed to ensure that renewable energy is an integral part of new development, along with net zero build standards, and that this supports improvements in building fabric, low carbon heating and renewable energy for existing development,</p>	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery; Councillor Hugo Prosser, Executive Member for Planning	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager; Andrew Thomson, Planning Policy Manager



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		The Local Plan will continue to support community led projects for renewable energy development whether standalone schemes or within new developments.		
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