

**REPORT TO:** POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2011

**REPORT ON:** PROPOSED SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

**REPORT NO:** 399-2011

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Scottish and Southern Energy which will guide the development of potential future working relationships on a variety of sustainable energy projects and initiatives.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee authorise the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding with Scottish and Southern Energy.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report. Any future detailed agreements will specify the associated financial implications in detail.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In order to bring about significant reductions in CO2 emissions in Dundee as part of a citywide sustainability initiative, the Council and Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) have discussed the potential to form a strategic partnership to work together to develop a variety of different low carbon energy related projects. The parties will concentrate their initial efforts on the energy and infrastructure requirements associated with developments at the Dundee Central Waterfront, including but not limited to the Victoria and Albert Museum and developments at the Port of Dundee associated with offshore renewable energy industries.
- 4.2 In the first instance, it is envisaged that the main focus of the joint working will be on;
- 4.2.1 identifying and developing possible sustainable energy projects within the Dundee Waterfront Project;
- 4.2.2 exploring possible alternative funding solutions for energy and utility infrastructure; initially this will focus on the potential for SSE to participate in the funding of the required utility infrastructure for the Central Waterfront development area, always subject however to the Council's obligations under Standing Orders and public procurement law and to its duties to obtain best value in all funding solutions;
- 4.2.3 investigating and testing possible renewable energy solutions for the V&A at Dundee project in order to assist in achieving the highest possible sustainability credentials for this important new building.
- 4.3 In the event that any specific initiative is developed as a result of the MoU and subject to the Council's obligations under Standing Orders and public procurement law and to its duties to obtain best value, it will be subject to a specific Project

Agreement to be negotiated separately between the Parties and reported to the Council for further detailed approval.

4.4 Unless extended by written agreement between the Parties, the MoU shall continue for a period of three years, with the opportunity to review progress annually.

4.5 The proposal for a Biomass Power Plant within the Port of Dundee will be specifically excluded from the terms of the MoU.

## **5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

## **6 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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