

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
<b>Date:</b>	27 January 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Investment in Test Source Community Energy Scheme
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability gives authority to spend and approves an investment of £10,000 from the climate change budget in Test Source Community Energy, a 330kWp Solar PV scheme at Southley Farm Overton which has been developed by Sustainable Overton with support from Community Energy South and Hampshire County Council.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To help meet the County Council's climate change target for carbon neutrality by 2050 by supporting the generation of local renewable energy.
- 2.2. To provide leadership and support to communities across Hampshire to encourage them to get involved in community energy projects to help decarbonise and build local resilience.
- 2.3. To generate an income stream to continue to support community energy in Hampshire.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not invest in the Test Source Community Energy scheme. This option was rejected as it would not make the most of the opportunity to support a community energy project in Hampshire and contribute to the County Council's climate change target.
- 3.2. To award grant funding to support Test Source community energy scheme. This was rejected as it doesn't offer the possibility of returns on investment which could be reinvested in other community energy schemes.

### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

- 5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.
- 6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.
- 7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----	<b>Date:</b>  <b>27 January 2022</b>
<b>Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Rob Humby*</b> <b>(on behalf of Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability)</b> <b>Councillor Jan Warwick</b>	

\* In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2 of the County Council Constitution, the Leader of the Council delegated this decision for the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability to the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment