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Wards Affected	All	4 November 2015		
Title	FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATIOM			

1. <u>PURPOSE OF REPORT</u>

To introduce two new reports to be presented for consideration at future meetings of this committee.

2. INFORMATION

A Borough Wide Renewables Fund

- 2.1 At the Council's Executive Committee on 9 September 2015, a report was presented entitled 'A Borough Wide Renewables Fund'. The Executive Committee resolved to approve establishing a borough wide community fund made up of contributions from renewable energy installations.
- 2.2 It was agreed that the funding be held in trust, and redistributed following some guiding principles, including that a percentage of the fund be retained for investment within a 2 mile radius of the facility, and the remainder be invested elsewhere within the Borough.
- 2.3 The Executive Committee asked that the Members of the Planning Policy Committee take soundings, develop, and approve a Supplementary Planning Document setting out this approach. Your officers are reviewing the best way of achieving this and will provide a detailed report to the next meeting of this Committee.

Renewable Energy – Solar Panels on Roofs of Buildings

- 2.4 At the meeting of the Rural Forum on 17 September 2015, the Forum agreed it wished to articulate at Executive Committee its concerns regarding the inability of the Council to divert solar energy capacity into roof mounted provision, and instead it was having to consider a large amount of solar farms as a consequence.
- 2.5 The question was subsequently raised at the Borough Council's Executive Committee on 14 October 2015, whereby Members agreed that the issue be referred to the Planning Policy Committee for further consideration.
- 2.6 Your officers will investigate the issue, and draw a full set of conclusions for consideration at a future meeting of this Committee.

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3. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

That Members note the content of this report.

Previous Reports/Minutes:

Ref: Executive Committee – Item 14: A Borough Wide Renewable Fund Date: 9 September 2015

Ref: Rural Forum – Solar PV Farms Date: 17 September 2015

Ref: Executive Committee – Issues referred from Forums – Renewable Energy – Solar Panels on Roofs of Buildings (Referral from Rural Forum) Date: 14 October 2015

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