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Councillor Eileen Blamire (Leader of Cabinet)
Councillor Tim Hamilton-Cox (Cabinet Member with
Responsibility for Climate Change)

HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

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4 January 2012

Dear Councillor,

URGENT BUSINESS – CLIMATE CHANGE INVEST TO SAVE PROJECTS

Members are requested to consider the attached report which proposes that Cabinet re-affirm its decision of 4 October 2011 regarding the installation of solar photo voltaic (PV) panels.

An Urgent Business Decision is sought in order to implement the project within the 2011/12 financial year.

Whilst the issue is a Key Decision and was included on the Forward Plan on 22nd December, the issue has not been on the Forward Plan for five working days. Therefore in accordance with Access to Information Procedure 16, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny was requested and agreed, to waive the requirement for notice of the decision to be included in the Forward Plan for five working days before the decision is taken.

The Urgent Business Procedure Rules authorise the Chief Executive to take urgent decisions which cannot reasonably wait until the next meeting of a committee, in consultation with the Chairman of the relevant committee.

I would be grateful if you could complete the attached slip, signifying whether you are in agreement with the recommendation or not, and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible. In the meantime, could you please telephone Liz Bateson on 582047, or e-mail ebateson@lancaster.gov.uk, with your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Bateson
Principal Democratic Support Officer

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Councillor Consultation

*I am/am not (***please delete as appropriate**) in agreement with the recommendation:-

(1) That Cabinet re-affirms its decision of the 4 October 2011, namely :

That Cabinet approves the allocation of £750,000 from the General Fund's Invest to Save Reserve to install solar photo voltaic (PV) panels on the Council's municipal buildings.

That Cabinet approves the allocation of £1M from the Housing Revenue Account's Major Repairs Reserve to install solar photo voltaic (PV) panels on council housing communal buildings.

That a further report is brought back to Cabinet on developing the Council's wider approach to the use of renewable energy.

(2) That Cabinet notes the recent judicial review of the government's proposed changes to the tariff rates and the government's intention to appeal that decision in January 2012 and that Cabinet authorises officers to continue with this project and delegates to the chief executive the authority to proceed even if the parameters are changed, as long as the estimated payback period for the overall project does not exceed 15 years.

Signed: -----

Name: -----

Position Held: -----

Dated: -----

Chief Executive Decision

*I agree/do not agree (***please delete as appropriate**) to exercise my delegated authority and approve:-

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(3) That the Overview & Scrutiny Chairman be consulted with a view to waiving call in, in accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17(a), to enable immediate implementation.

Signed: -----

Chief Executive

Dated: -----

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