

**Cabinet Meeting – 11th March 2015**

**Report of the Acting Strategic Director Of The Environment, Economy and Housing**

**Draft “Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document (Spd)”  
Approval To Consult.**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Cabinet approval to undertake a period of 6 weeks statutory consultation on the Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document commencing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Background**

2. The Council's Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out guidance on the requirements to comply with the Policy ENV7 (Renewable Energy) of the Black Country Core Strategy, for those involved in the submission and determination of planning applications. Policy ENV 7 requires that where achievable all new residential developments of over 10 dwellings or any non-residential developments of over 1000m<sup>2</sup> ensure they provide at least 10% of their energy requirements from renewable sources.
3. The purpose of this SPD is;
  - a. To offer guidance to planning applicants and potential developers on how to calculate the 10% energy requirement for the building;
  - b. To provide guidance on different types of renewable energy sources that would be acceptable to meet the 10% renewable energy requirement;
4. Once adopted this SPD will form a part of the Local Plan and it will be taken into account in making planning decisions for the Borough.

5. This draft SPD has been informed by comments and views which were given at a previous consultation stage alongside expertise from key Council Officers, Public Health Professionals and other Stakeholders throughout the preparation process.
6. It is proposed that a period of consultation on the draft SPD will run from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015. During that time the document will be made available to view at the reception area at 4 Ednam Road, Dudley Council Plus, as well as at all main libraries and on the Council's website. Notification of the consultation will be sent to statutory consultees and key stakeholders who have expressed a wish to be involved. The document is also available on the Committee Management Information System and a paper copy is in the Members Room. A drop in session has also be arranged for Members on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
7. Any representations received during the consultation period will be considered and, where appropriate, will be incorporated into the final SPD which will be presented to Cabinet in the summer of 2015 for adoption.

### **Finance**

8. The preparation of the document will be funded from existing budgets and resources dedicated to the production of Development Plan Documents and other statutory planning documents.

### **Law**

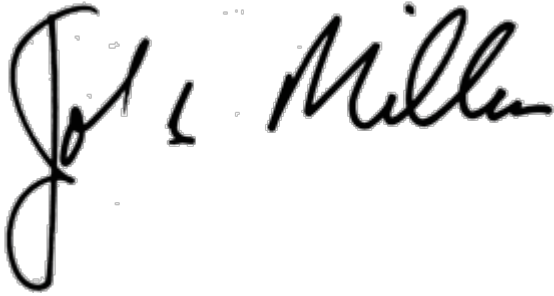
9. Following consultation and adoption the Renewable Energy SPD will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The SPD is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

### **Equality Impact**

10. The SPD has been prepared in accordance with the Council's policy on Equality and Diversity, ensuring that it provides benefits for adults, children and young people alike, promoting equal opportunities for all.

## **Recommendation**

11. The Cabinet approves the draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document to be used as the basis for public consultation commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> March for a period of six weeks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Millar'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'John' written in a stylized, looped manner and the surname 'Millar' in a more straightforward cursive script.

**John Millar**

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## **List of Background Papers**

Appendix 1 – Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document