Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 6 March 2024

Heat Network Options - Scrutiny Review

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to establish the scope of a Spotlight Review group to consider the various options open to the Council around the future of the Heat Network, and for the Review Group to contribute to the decision making process.

2 Action required

2.1 The committee is asked to establish the Spotlight Review Group as set out in the Review Document attached. Committee members will then participate in the review and bring their findings and recommendations for the Portfolio Holder back to the full committee meeting in April 2024

3 Background information

3.1 A decision about the future of the heat network beyond 2030 is due to take place in early Summer 2024, contract negotiations are underway and Officers approached the Scrutiny Committee to ask that this subject be included within its work programme. This review gives members of the Committee an opportunity to scrutinise the options available, consider the risks and benefits associated with each option and any mitigation that can be put in place to reduce risk and provide feedback to Officers and recommendations to the Executive, prior to a final decision.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Heat Network Options Review Document
- 5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information
- 5.1 None
- 6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report
- 6.1 None

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

8 Contact information

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