

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

Portfolio Holder:	Leader of the Council
Decision Title:	City of Lincoln Council Environmental Policy
Purpose of Report:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To present and seek views on the draft Environmental Policy and Christmas Market Environmental Policy Statement. 2. To seek views on the proposed approach to member consultation on the draft Environmental Policies.
Decision:	That approval be given for the council to adopt an Environmental Policy and specific Events/Christmas Market Environmental Policy Statement.
Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:	None.
Reason for Decision:	<p>On the 6th of January 2020 the Council's Executive approved the Lincoln Zero Carbon report, recommending that the Council adopt an Environmental Policy by Spring 2020.</p> <p>The Council's Vision 2025 Climate Change Internal Low Carbon Taskforce, which included representatives from a range of service areas and all Directorates, had worked together to prepare a draft Environmental Policy. In light of the Council's commitment to the priority theme 'let's address the challenge of climate change' the taskforce would become the Climate Change Vision Group.</p> <p>The purpose of an Environmental Policy (EP) was to set out our goals for protecting and improving the environment. The Policy covered all of our activities and estate, including our 'landlord' responsibilities for property and council homes.</p> <p>Adopting an Environmental Policy would help to ensure that all Council employees applied the policy where it related to their role in the authority's corporate activities. In addition it would enable the Council to encourage and support our partners to adopt their own policies, leading by example.</p>
Is the decision a Key Decision?	No

Is the decision subject to Call In?	Yes
Does the decision relate to any exempt information?	No

Signed: 

Councillor Ric Metcalfe, Leader of the Council

Dated: 23 March 2020