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Subject: Request for an energy generation discussion
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Hi Pete, Janice

Gavin (cc'd) wishes to clarify, and know the direction of, our energy generation policy (or strategy).

It's a complicated business. We have a report of potential sites for solar power generation, plus a number of buildings (roof spaces) which could be added to that list. And we will be generating energy from waste (but probably in either Midlothian or East Lothian) from 2017 or so.

So the remaining main energy generation opportunities it seems to me are:
Encouraging CHP (including partnerships) perhaps via ESCOs, and perhaps with District Heating (Fountainbridge(?), Greendykes, UoE partnership..)
Facilitating the development of solar projects city-wide (our own estate, plus the rest of the city), again perhaps via ESCOs and again via partnerships (with RSLs for example).

Some questions to answer are:

There are different energy needs to different parts of our estate (housing estate and school estate are radically different). Could these be reflected in any one policy?
How would any CEC policy relate to the (city-wide) SEAP? Could it be subsumed in the SEAP?
Would we want this?
What economic or other incentives would drive our CEC energy choices? (FITs etc)
How can the committee structure and sustainability governance structure (O/M Working Group) be used to drive and develop such policies?
How could planning and econ dev play a role in this (from a SEAP perspective)?
What is the role of micro-generation and third parties?

I think that the best way forward would be for you two to come and talk to us two for an hour about what energy generation policies we have and how they could be improved and perhaps brought together? I'd rather not request a report till I think about what would be in it, and till I know what we have already.

It would be good for Gavin, as a TEC member, to get a flavour of the work already going on.

Can we meet in the next week or so please, depending on diaries...? Friday morning is good for me. You can both see my diary.

Regards

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