

**LEADER OF COUNCIL, RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATIONS
7 MAY – 31 MAY 2019**

ENERGY PROCUREMENT

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

On 25 April 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported a recommendation for the Leader of the Council to approve the Council procuring electricity through the established ESPO electricity framework.

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board also highlighted the following points for consideration:

- The Board highlighted the importance of considering the ability for the Council to buy green or brown energy as part of the ESPO electricity framework and requested the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee consider the green or brown energy mix in more detail.
- Members of the Board highlighted the need for the Council to consider switching to 100% green energy as part of the Council's local leadership role and carbon management responsibilities to promote renewable energy sources.

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee

On 21 May 2019, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee considered a report in relation to the Council's procurement of green or brown electricity to power its corporate portfolio.

The Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended that the County Council procure a 'Pure Green' Fuel Mix as a way to meet the Council's carbon emission targets.

The Scrutiny Committee highlighted buying green would also allow the Council to report that it emits zero emissions for the Council's electricity needs, supporting the Council's Carbon Management Action Plan.