

Please complete this form and ensure that is agreed by your Project or Programme Board.

Change/Event of	
Project or Programme Name	Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network (WREN)
Project or Programme Reference Number	PC041
Date Raised:	26 September 2024
Project/Programme Board Review Date:	Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Service WREN Project Board 21 November 2024
Current Lifecycle Stage (delete as appropriate)	Delivery
Brief Description of the Change/Event: (single line only)	
A revised delivery date from March 2025 to December 2026, with construction now scheduled to commence by October 2025 and grant spend taking place in 2025/26 and 2026/27.	
Detailed Description of the Change/Event: (be as full and descriptive as you can)	
<p>The Combined Authority Board Meeting in November 2022 approved £2.7m of funding for the delivery of the Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network (WREN) project, for the capital costs of constructing an integrated renewable energy and storage solution to serve the electric Refuse Collection Vehicles (eRCVs) within the overall fleet at Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service (GCSWS) Depot in Waterbeach. The total project costs were identified as £5,981,896, with the remaining £3,281,896 being split equally between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.</p> <p>A previous Change Request submitted in July 2023 stated that construction works would commence on site in Summer 2024, following a decision not to proceed with the delivery contractor due to identified risks.</p> <p>A WREN Technical Team is in place and a contract is now scheduled to be awarded by July 2025 with construction works commencing by October 2025 and completed by June 2026. A further six-month contingency for works is proposed, in view of learning from similar projects, taking overall project closure to December 2026.</p>	
Cause of the Change/Event:	
<p>Conclusion to the Agreement for Lease for the land required by WREN has been delayed due to errors identified in the recording of boundaries with the Land Registry. The Agreement for Lease is a precursor to the procurement of a main contractor and therefore the commencement of construction works. Work to address Land Registry issues has been ongoing is nearing conclusion with the Agreement for Lease scheduled to conclude by the end of December 2024 to support the revised programme (as detailed above) for the delivery of WREN.</p>	
Effects/Impact of the Change/Event:	
<p>WREN will now be operational before the end of 2026 and remains able to support a Council agreed electric Refuse Collection Vehicles (eRCV) fleet procurement programme scheduled to procure all remaining eRCVs in the fleet procurement programme by 2028. Four eRCVs are already in operation, with up to nine planned by 2026, and a total of</p>	

eighteen on completion of the programme by 2028. Additional RCVs using HVO will also support moving towards Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Council net zero targets.

As noted in the previous Change Request, works to the access route undertaken in July 2023 implemented the planning consent for the solar scheme, allowing time for resolution of issues.

UKPN grid connection milestones were revised with the agreement of UKPN.

The event has delayed the planned commencement of construction, which is now scheduled to take place by October 2025, with a planned completion of works by June 2026. This has also caused the grant spend profile to be revised, with CPCA grant spend now taking place in 2025/26 and 2026/27. A revised grant spend profile is set out below which includes revised Council spend and reflects an agreed increase in funds committed by the Councils to WREN.

	22/23('000)	23/24('000)	24/25 ('000)	25/26 ('000)	26/27 ('000)	Total ('000)
<b>Original CPCA capital funding</b>	£0	£2,700	£0	£0	£0	<b>£2,700</b>
<b>Original Council funding</b>	£0	£3,282	£0	£0	£0	<b>£3,282</b>
<b>Original Total</b>		<b>£5,982</b>				<b>£5,982</b>
<b>Revised CPCA capital funding</b>	£0	£0	£0	£1,350	£1,350	<b>£2,700</b>
<b>Revised Council funding</b>	£0	£372	£113	£1,457	£1,457	<b>£3,399</b>
<b>Revised Total</b>		<b>£372</b>	<b>£113</b>	<b>£2,807</b>	<b>£2,807</b>	<b>£6,100</b>

#### Options Considered/Mitigation Measures deployed:

Working closely with stakeholders to complete the rectification of Land Registry errors prior to concluding the Agreement for Lease. This was the chosen option.

Investigating and pursuing alternative options/workarounds to concluding Land Registry errors to mitigate delays.

Mitigation: Closer working with affected stakeholders and parties involved in resolution of the Land Registry errors and the Agreement for Lease.

#### Why proposed Option chosen was selected:

This option was chosen because addressing these errors will allow for completion and sealing of the Agreement for Lease, allowing procurement to proceed. As noted above, options to work around Land Registry errors were investigated and pursued where they were able to mitigate further delays to the project. However, not all errors could be overcome, and these could only be resolved by working closely and in support of stakeholders to address Land Registry errors. This work is now approaching conclusion; the stakeholders involved in resolution of the errors and conclusion of the agreement for lease are working to accomplish this by the end of December 2024, and a revised programme is in place for the delivery of WREN.

#### Approval required to (tick relevant boxes and detail approval request below)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Scope	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources
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**Only complete this section if you have ticked scope or benefits change.**  
Has the logic model been updated?

Yes	No	N/A
Performance & Evaluation team (to review new logic model)		Approve, Reject, Defer

**Only complete this section if you require extra shared service resource.**  
What extra shared services resource do you require beyond what was agreed in the business case? E.g. legal, finance, policy, HR, procurement, PMO

Relevant Shared Service(s)	Approve, Reject, Defer
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