

Crown Estate - Clean Growth Strategy, seabed rights to be made available to off shore wind developers.	20th December 2017
PLANNING COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcome
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Elected Members will provide civic leadership to our citizens working to promote the Borough as an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit.
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.
Lead Officer	Head of Planning
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

For Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Clean Growth Strategy, released October 2017 included significant policy announcements in respect of offshore wind. The Crown Estates believes that it is the right time to consider granting more seabed rights for offshore wind.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 Due to the 'Clean Growth Strategy' coupled with the announcement from BEIS (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) confirming further Contracts for Difference auctions and up to £557m of available budget, the Crown Estates believes that it is the right time to consider granting more seabed rights for off shore wind developments.
- 2.2 The Crown Estate announced on 7th November 2017 that they will be working with the offshore wind sector and stakeholders to consider making new seabed rights available to off shore wind developers.
- 2.3 The Crown Estates believe it is now timely to consider what additional seabed rights may be needed to help secure the UK's clean energy future
- 2.4 This will consider the scale, form and location of new rights to enable sustainable deployment to 2030 and beyond. Further details regarding future wind leasing activity is expected to be released in early 2018.

- 2.5 Any development, such as off shore wind that is located entirely beyond the low water mark, is not subject to planning control by Councils.
- 2.6 The Crown Estate invites the Council as a stakeholder to make further queries if it wishes to do so.

3.0 Options

Option 1: Agree to note the above: or

Option 2: Seek further detail.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members agree either Option 1 or 2 above to the Crown Estates proposals in relation of off shore wind energy on behalf of Council.