

## Item 12

### Update from Task and Finish Group Renewable Energy – Solar Panels on Council assets

- Meeting held between Officers and Members to consider proposal to site a Solar PV Carport Installation at Dartmouth Park & Ride Site
- Presentation by Beco Energy Solutions
- Site capable of accommodating a 375kW of solar PV array
- A 375kW system would cost approximately £470K
- The system will give approximately 15-20% return on investment
- A 250kW system may give a higher investment return due to the feed in tariff rules
- Electricity generated could be sold to local users ie. Leisure Centre - reduced electricity costs for the leisure centre
- Officers and Members concerned about security and maintenance issues for high value equipment that is located in a publicly accessible location
- Beco to provide information on leasing options to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party investor who would pay a ground rent to the Council
- Members are keen for Officers to consider options on other Council owned land and premises