

## **Minute extract from Strategy and Resources Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### Minute 6: 361 ENERGY CIC CONTRACT

Strategy and Resources Committee - 8 April 2024 3 The Committee considered a report by the Private Sector Service Lead (circulated previously) regarding the renewal of the 361 Energy CIC contract.

The Private Sector Service Lead highlighted the following:

- The contract started in October 2021 and was due for renewal in October 2024.
- A total of 272 houses have been assisted (as outlined on Page 19 of the report) throughout the term of the contract since October 2021.
- Recommendation 4.5 outlined how the Council could increase customer participation as well as improve community engagement around the initiative.
- The scheme was free for the customer, but the current contract cost NDC £60,000

In response to a question as to whether or not the Council should be going through the procurement process to find potential alternatives to 361 Energy, the Chief Executive advised that whilst it was an option, 361 Energy were an integral part of the framework of energy providers and were already working in partnership with the other groups that would likely be identified via the procurement process. The Council could still go through the procurement process but if another provider was selected then they would have to start from scratch when it came to integrating themselves with other groups and Council services. In response to a question as to whether or not the dedicated Energy Efficiency Officer was employed by the Council specifically for the purpose of furthering the scheme, the Private Sector Service Lead advised that the Officer was employed by the Council but had a wider job role than just furthering the scheme but was confident the engagement and scope of the service would improve by having them in role. Councillor Bell declared that he had another registerable interest as he knew a fellow Member of Braunton Parish Council who was a Director of 361 Energy.

RESOLVED, that:

- A) the Council enter into a revised contract with 361 Energy CIC from October 2024, for a further 3 year period (£24k per year: total £72k);
- B) The setting aside of Constitutional requirements to seek at least 3 quotes be approved; and
- C) An update report on the 361 Energy scheme and further information about the wider energy efficient grants (Energy Company Obligation) will be prepared by the Private Sector Service Lead and emailed to the Committee for information.