

**SCRUTINY REVIEW INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID) DRAFT**

Review: **Community Energy**

Scrutiny Review Committee: **Environment and Regeneration**

Director leading the Review: **Kevin O'Leary**

Lead Officer: **Lucy Padfield**

Overall aim:

**To explore and understand the community energy options available for Islington, their respective opportunities and issues, and make recommendations on their relevance for the borough.**

Objectives of the review:

**To understand the benefits available to Islington of the different community energy models.**

**To learn from examples of established projects in other councils and communities across the UK.**

**To specifically understand the overarching theme of their impact on fuel poverty and energy efficiency.**

How is the review to be carried out: (Use separate sheets as necessary for 1-4 below)

Scope of the Review

Types of evidence will be assessed by the review: (add additional categories as needed)

1. The proposed suggested structure of the witness evidence is as follows:

**October** - Introduction and overview:

Written evidence in advance – Setting the scene

DECC community Energy Strategy (awaiting response) – Presentation by external speaker

**November or December** - Impact on fuel poverty and energy efficiency improvement:

Forum for the Future (*agreed to speak however time TBA*) – Research findings on role of community Energy in alleviating fuel poverty.

Community Engagement (in Islington) – Andrew Ford OR Camden?

**December or February**- Energy supply and resilience:

OVO Energy and/or one of their Local Authority partners (to be approached)

**March** - Ownership, funding and revenue structures of potential schemes:

Crowd funding – Julia Grove (to be approached) – Presentation by external speaker

Finance and Legal – Owen Darracott and Ramani Chelliah, LBI

2. Suggest visits to –

- **Bristol - CSE** – Bristol Community Energy and possibly also **Bristol City Council (TBC)** – Setting up an ESCo and seed funding for community energy projects (December)
- **Hackney or Repowering London** - contribution of the Repowering London model to skills, job creation and economic growth in the borough (Jan/Feb)

Additional Information:

Programme

Key output:	To be submitted to Committee on:
1. Scrutiny Initiation Document	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2014
2. Timetable	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2014, 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2015, 16 March 2015
3. Interim Report	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2015
4. Final Report	July