



REPORT TO: SPECIAL MEETING OF MORAY COUNCIL ON 22 NOVEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: PLANNING APPLICATION 18/01046/EIA - CONSTRUCT ONSHORE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE COMPRISING OF A CABLE TRANSITION JOINTING BAY, UNDERGROUND CABLE CIRCUITS, CONSTRUCTION OF SUBSTATION TO SOUTH OF KEITH WITH FURTHER CONNECTING CABLING TO ALLOW CONNECTION WITH EXISTING TRANSMISSION NETWORK AT BLACKHILLOCK INCLUDING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS ACCESS TRACK LAYDOWN AREAS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS FROM WITHIN THE VICINITY OF REDHYTHE POINT IN ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL AREA TO WHITEHILLOCK FARM, KEITH, MORAY FOR MORAY OFFSHORE WINDFARM (WEST) LIMITED

BY: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To ask Council to consider the recommendation from the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, following a Pre-Determination Hearing at its special meeting on 22 November 2018, in respect of Planning Application 18/01046/EIA.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section II (23) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the determination of any planning application that has been considered at a Pre-Determination Hearing.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Council are requested to consider the recommendation from the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee in respect of Planning Application 18/01046/EIA, following a Pre-Determination Hearing at its special meeting on 22 November 2018, and proceed to determine the application.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, whose membership was extended to include all members of the Council, considered Planning Application 18/01046/EIA during a Pre-Determination Hearing at its special meeting on 22 November 2018.
- 3.2 Following consideration of the representations relating to Planning Application 18/01046/EIA, the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee made a recommendation to Moray Council regarding the outcome of the application.
- 3.3 A copy of the Appointed Officer's report was circulated to all Members with the agenda for the special meeting of Planning and Regulatory Services Committee on 22 November 2018.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Council is invited to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, following a Pre-Determination Hearing, in respect of an application to construct onshore electrical transmission infrastructure comprising of a cable transition jointing bay, underground cable circuits, construction of substation to south of Keith with further connecting cabling to allow connection with existing transmission network at Blackhillock including temporary construction compounds, access track laydown areas and other associated works from within the vicinity of Redhythe Point in Aberdeenshire Council area to Whitehillock Farm, Keith, Moray for Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited.**

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Background Papers:
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