

Report

Report to:	Enterprise Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2016
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Community Benefit Funds – New Contribution – Andershaw Wind Farm
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval for community benefit payments generated from the development and operation of Andershaw Wind Farm to be managed through the Renewable Energy Fund (REF)

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Council's REF incorporate provision for the receipt and disbursement of community benefit payments in respect of Andershaw Wind Farm; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) be authorised to conclude administrative matters in relation to the incorporation of the community benefit using the established REF mechanism.

3. Background

Andershaw Wind Farm

3.1. The wind farm at Andershaw comprises 11 turbines. It is located in Andershaw Forest, South of Douglas and is operated by Andershaw Wind Power Limited.

3.2. Through its Renewable Energy Community Benefits Policy the Council has sought a community benefit annual payment of £2,500 per MW of installed capacity. This is the minimum contribution for a development of this nature applicable at the time the planning application was submitted in 2007.

Details of the development and the agreed contribution to the REF are provided in the table below:-

Application Number	Site	Decision Issued	Development	Contribution to REF	Contribution calculation
CL/07/0454	Andershaw Wind Farm	July 2014	11 x 3.3mw turbines	£90,750 Annually to REF for period from commencement of development until date of completion of decommissioning.	2007 application 11x3.3x£2500=£90,750

3.3. The agreement with the developer places an obligation on the Council to administer community benefit received in respect of this development through the established REF processes. The REF currently manages community benefits from a number of windfarm developments including Blacklaw, Whitelees, Pates Hill, Stallashaw Moss, Millburn, Dykehead, Haspielaw, Upper Haywood, Tanhill, North Brackenridge, Blantyre Muir, Browncastle, Burnbrae, Calder Water and Lampits wind turbine sites.

4. Eligible Area for Distribution of REF Grants from Andershaw Wind Farm

4.1. The eligible area for the funds generated from the development at Andershaw Wind Farm is shown at appendix 1 of this report and is broadly the area within South Lanarkshire within 10km of the application site boundaries.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There is no risk to the Council in supporting this proposal and the work can be undertaken within existing resources. By not proceeding the Council would not be acting consistently in support of its adopted policy and there would be a risk that the funds would not be distributed timeously and equitably to appropriate, eligible community organisations.

8. Equality Impact Arrangements and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.

8.2. Community benefit will provide support to a wide range of voluntary, charitable and community groups/bodies across an extensive area of rural Clydesdale. Consultation has taken place with Planning Services and the developers.

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Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

10 February 2016

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- ◆ Develop a sustainable Council and communities
- ◆ People focused

Previous References

- ◆ Planning Committee 20 September 2011 - CL/07/0454 – Andershaw Wind Farm.

List of Background Papers

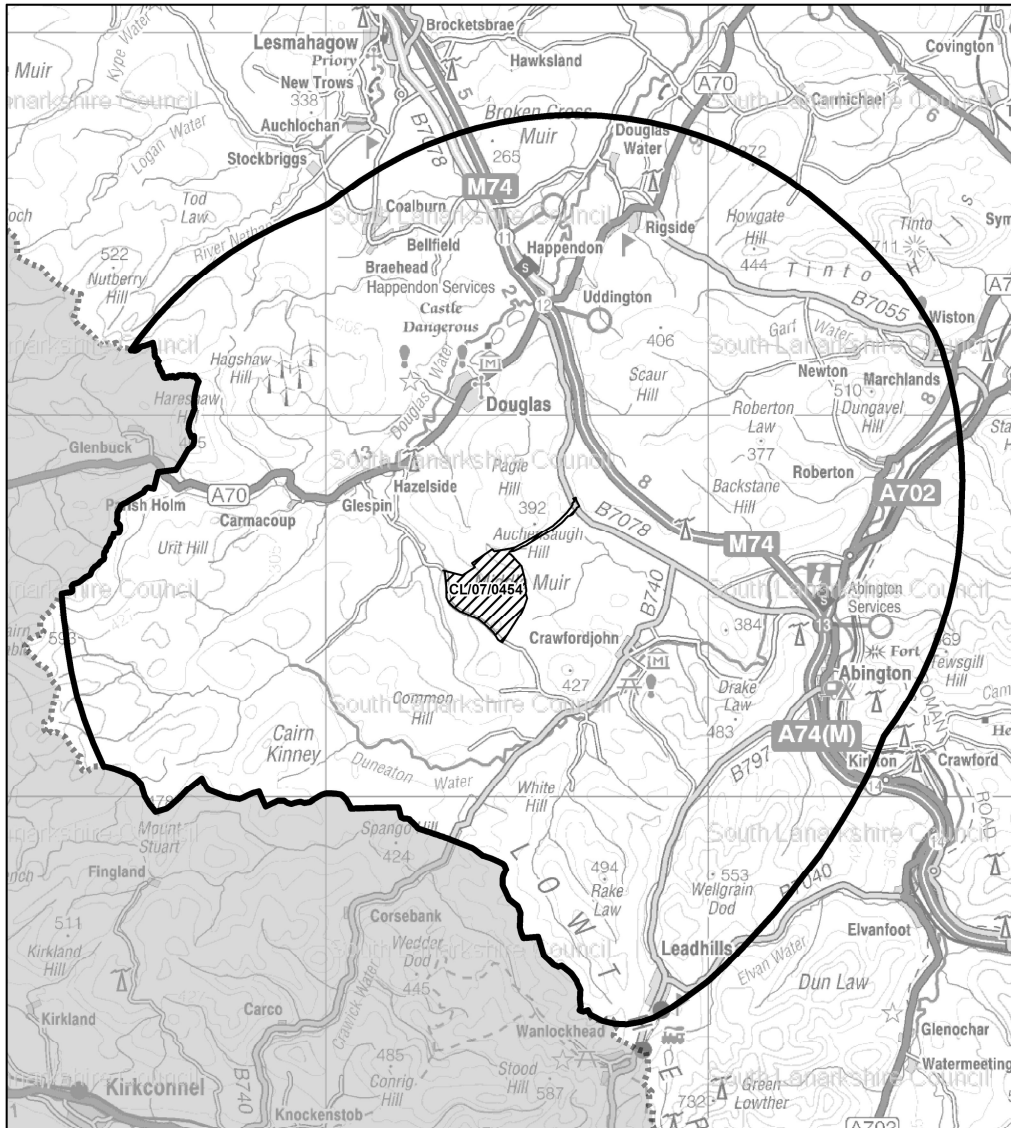
- ◆ Executive Committee 3 March 2004 - “Community Benefit - Establishment of a Renewable Energy Fund”.
- ◆ Executive Committee 1 December 2010 - Renewable Energy Developments and Community Benefit.
- ◆ Enterprise Services Committee 1 April 2014 - Scottish Government Consultation on Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments

Contact for Further Information




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Legend

-  CL/07/0454 boundary
-  Outwith SLC
-  Andershaw renewable energy fund area

**Community and Enterprise Resources
Planning & Building Standards Services**

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Not to scale

O.S. Coordinates:
284381, 625479
CL/07/0454 centroid



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