3 Minute Brief





What? What is the current situation

Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen, Angus and Moray are participating in the production of a sustainable Energy Action Plan.

The purpose of the plan is:-

To bring about changes which will benefit North East residents and help future proof the North East from a range of challenges and risks, as well as enabling it to catch up with areas in the UK and abroad that have already left the region far behind in respect of their continuing sustainable energy transition

To produce a Baseline Emissions Inventory for the North East as whole (Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray & Angus)

To identify project opportunities at the regional and LA area scale including across the scope of the SEAP and to include all appropriate sustainable/alternative energy and low carbon options including those where extensive work has been undertaken already, such as on biomass and hydrogen.

Set out plans at the regional and local area scale over the time horizon 2015-2030 including financing options with key specifics covered in more detail.

To identify the most appropriate sources of funding, finance and investment opportunities in order to bring about accelerated project implementation.

The Consultant brief is available on request

What information is known?

There is Data available to support the development of the plan.

Energy is an important aspect of the sustainability and economic growth for the area. It represents a risk but also an opportunity for economic growth.

Rural areas are more vulnerable to increases in energy costs and restricted energy supplies will inhibit economic growth.

Funding has been secured from the Scottish enterprise and HIE, each partner is being asked to contribute £12.5 k towards the cost of procuring the action plan

Now What? What does this mean?

THE SEAP is an opportunity to encourage and promote sustainable energy solutions, to work in partnership and benefit from shared knowledge and learning and the economies of scale for joint projects. It will give the region a greater voice in energy issues and provide opportunities for economic growth and lower carbon technologies.

How can this be interpreted?

It is an opportunity to take forward a valuable piece of work in partnership for limited resource input. It is work we could not afford to commission on our own and we would lose the value that comes from working in partnership.

Moray council does not have the staffing resource to facilitate or deliver this on their own

So What? What can this lead to?	What do you need to consider for the
	future?
A programme of actions that will promote renewables, ensure fuel security for the region, benefit fuel poverty, create community	Approval of £12.5k as Morays contribution was given
resilience and create opportunities for economic growth.	Recognition that resources will be required to implement appropriate actions which need to be identified as part of the plan.
	Recognition that Moray Council does not have the staffing to deliver a programme on it's own and partnership work adds value.