

COUNCIL MEETING 29 APRIL 2021

QUESTIONS RECEIVED

From **Members**:

Councillor Crookes to ask:

The NPPF contains the following paragraph.

151. To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat, plans should:

a) provide a positive strategy for energy from these sources, that maximises the potential for suitable development, while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily (including cumulative landscape and visual impacts);

b) consider identifying suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources, and supporting infrastructure, where this would help secure their development; and

c) identify opportunities for development to draw its energy supply from decentralised, renewable or low carbon energy supply systems and for co-locating potential heat customers and suppliers.

Will the Executive Member take immediate steps to update Hart's Local Plan to incorporate these policies in order to enable appropriate renewable energy projects but at the same time protect valuable landscapes and quality agricultural land?