

Question: CQ20.1

Cabinet – 2nd June 2020

Re: Agenda item 20 – City Leap

Question submitted by: Councillor Martin Fodor

The delayed progress on City Leap is regrettable. If the bidders wanted a different approach it would be helpful to understand what differences were asked for and why. We're not being told.

This delay and rethink could significantly affect the outcomes for the city and our communities, for instance the strategic partner might be less willing to offer a comprehensive package of social value, or be unwilling to share the investments in a meaningful way with the city's rich ecosystem of community energy groups and existing enterprises who are already busy developing carbon saving projects and social benefits already. The need to separate the loss making Bristol Energy once it was added to the package was always likely and bound to slow progress with the initiative.

Please can you explain:

What is the new likely timescale for City Leap and to what extent does this rethink affect the ways local energy initiatives can be part of the acceleration of carbon saving and community participation?