

Overview & Scrutiny Management Board

5 October 2020



Report of: Chief Executive
Title: Bristol Energy Update
Ward: Citywide
Officer Presenting Report: Chief Executive

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes the contents of this report

The significant issues in the report are:

This report provides further details about the sale of Bristol Energy.



1. Summary

This report provides an update on the sale of Bristol Energy's business.

2. Background

At its meeting on 2 June 2020, Cabinet decided to sell the business of the Council's wholly-owned local authority company, Bristol Energy.

3. Sale of business customer accounts

In August 2020, Bristol Energy sold 4,000 business customer accounts to Nottingham-based supplier Yü Energy for £1.34 million.

4. Sale of residential customer accounts

In September 2020, Bristol Energy sold 155,000 residential customer meter points to Together Energy for a valuation of £14 million. The Bristol Energy brand and systems were also included in the sale to Together Energy.

Together Energy is committed to supplying 100% renewable energy electricity and is 50% owned by Warrington Borough Council.

Together Energy committed to guaranteeing the jobs of 110 frontline workers as part of the sale. Those staff will TUPE transfer to Together Energy and will continue to be employed in Bristol.

Bristol Energy's residential customers will continue on the same tariffs and their terms and conditions will not be changed, ensuring continuous service and a seamless transition for all Bristol Energy residential customers. Work is well advanced on customer migration and this is scheduled to be concluded by the end of September.

5. Further information

The final value of the sale to the council will be known after the completion of a transition period and will be in line with the advice from Ernst & Young to Cabinet and consistent with the decisions made at the Cabinet meeting on 2 June 2020.

The sale of the Bristol Energy business is a complex transaction. Whilst the sale has been completed and contracts have been signed, the commercial detail of the transaction remains confidential.

Appendices: None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None