

Question: CQ08.01

Cabinet – 3 November 2020

Re: Agenda item 8 – Climate and Ecological Emergency Programme

Question submitted by: Councillor Don Alexander

The City Hall battery scheme mentioned in the report is both interesting and innovative. Could the Cabinet Member please explain more and update us on progress? Thanks.

Answer:

- 1. The project was approved at cabinet earlier this year, but was paused following the outbreak of Covid-19. Work has now re-started and I can confirm that the council has completed its procurement and has appointed a contractor to install the battery. We are planning to start work on-site in Spring 2021.**
- 2. The City Hall Battery will allow the council to generate savings by charging the battery when energy prices are low and discharging when they are high. The battery will also help the council cut its carbon emissions, as the national grid has a higher carbon intensity during times of high demand.**
- 3. Shouldn't be seen in isolation – overcoming the challenge of how we store energy will be key in achieving zero carbon targets.**
- 4. There are other projects - Ambition Lawrence Weston wind turbine project, the hydro project at Netham and of course City Leap.**