

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

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| <b>Work Programme Reference</b> | <b>I105326</b> |
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1. **TITLE:** Anaerobic Digestion facility in the Borough

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Delivery

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To review options for an Anaerobic Digestion facility in the Borough

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for the Environment

6. **DECISION:**

That the Executive Member support a suitable developer / partner to invest in building or funding an AD plant in the Borough subject to site suitability and planning.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. The Council has commissioned a report on the building of an AD plant in the Borough. Whilst the project appeared to be financially viable it is a complex and costly development. The Council does not now have the means to borrow funding for work outside of its core responsibilities. Additionally, the skills to design and build an AD plant are not available within the Council.
2. The feasibility study (appendix A & B) was debated by the Climate Change Advisory Panel in February 2022. The recommendation from the panel was 'that members are in favour of the Council's proposal of establishing our own Anaerobic Converter on the basis of a Public/private partnership

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The funding and building of an AD plant does appear to be financially viable at a high level. However, this is not core business for the Council.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: Delivery

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

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| <b>Date Decision Made</b> | <b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b> |
| 28 April 2022             | 6 May 2022                         |