

Appendix 7- Corporate Landlord Statement

It is clear that the council can only achieve its target to become Net Carbon Zero and Ecologically Positive by 2030 through a very significant increase in the amount of carbon sequestered on land it manages, and in turn that can only be achieved through a programme of land acquisition. The amount of additional land required is substantial, and our ability to deliver on this will be constrained by the amount of land that will actually come onto the market in the programme period, the cost of the land and the available budget for acquisition. A further constraint may be our ability to manage such an increased land holding, which has been referenced in the report. These constraints are recognised and are reflected in the Risk Register. In order to optimise the opportunity to purchase land as it comes onto the market, the proposed delegation process is also supported (rather than a requirement to take a Business Case to SIG for each acquisition).