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## Summary

This report updates Members on matters that are not included elsewhere on the agenda.

### **Transfer of Bridge End Gardens to Saffron Walden Town Council**

- 1 The approved transfer of responsibility for Bridge End Garden and the two staff employed at this site is established for 1 June 2010. At the time of writing all is in place to achieve the transfer, and we will be able to confirm that this has happened by the date of the meeting of this Committee.

### **Natural Resources Management Strategy – matters arising at Full Council in March**

- 2 Joint working with Braintree to implement the Nottingham Declaration on climate change has comprised the development of the two councils' carbon management plans in tandem, advice to Braintree on carbon management and participation in Braintree's Earth Day event, and loan to Uttlesford of a renewable energy demonstration kit for schools. Braintree hosts the Essex Procurement Agency, which is managing the procurement exercise to test the feasibility of carbon management outsourcing in Uttlesford.
- 3 Review of the Staff Travel Plan will be part of the work of the proposed Corporate Strategy and Programmes post, which was subject of a report to the meeting of the Committee in March. Changes to the car lease scheme have resulted in significant changes to the new fleet. As at 23 April, the Council had 18 leased vehicles delivered under the new scheme. There were 17 cars with CO2 emissions under 135g/km and 1 in band 135 – 159g/km
- 4 There is little further to report at this stage in relation to the renewables study informing LDF policies on how development will occur in the district in the future. Revised core strategy policies on renewable energy were included in the further consultation document published in February and the responses will be reported to the Committee in due course.