

Time commenced - 6.00pm  
Time finished- 7.10pm

## CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 25 JUNE 2007

Present: Councillor Ingall (In the Chair)  
Councillors Afzal, Dhamrait, Grimadell, Richards, Winter  
and Wood.

### 01/07 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Rawson.

### 02/07 Late Items

The Chair introduced the following late item:

12/07 Co-Option of Members to the Commission

### 03/07 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 04/07 Call-in

- a) There were no items
- b) The Procedure for Call-In

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services setting out details of the procedure and associated protocol for call-in of a decision.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### 05/07 Performance eye

Members of the Commission were provided with a list of Performance Eye indicators. It was suggested that members consider a revised list of indicators at the next meeting that related directly to the Commission.

### 06/07 Retrospective Scrutiny

Members were asked to identify any items for retrospective scrutiny.

**Resolved to identify items for retrospective scrutiny and to advise the Overview and Scrutiny Coordination team in time for them to get a response for the next meeting.**

#### 07/07          Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services detailing a modular training package that could be taken up by individual members of the Commission.

**Resolved to contact the Overview and Scrutiny Coordination Team to arrange delivery of any training that individuals wished to undertake.**

#### 08/07          Meeting the Energy Challenge White Paper

The Commission considered a report from the Chair of the Commission setting out the content of the White Paper 'Meeting the Energy Challenge' that was published in May 2007 which recognised the serious threat to the planet posed by rising greenhouse gas emissions and confirmed that more than two thirds of the world's dioxide emissions came from the production and use of energy.

**Resolved to note the report and have regard to the information contained in the White Paper 'Meeting the Energy Challenge'.**

#### 09/07          Update report on the Councils Carbon Management Programme

Neil Norwood, Energy Manager with Derby City Council, gave a presentation on energy saving programs that had been implemented and that would be implemented in the future. These energy savings programs covered buildings, bus travel and commuter travel.

One of the key areas for saving was to get accurate meter readings from business premises. To make this less onerous automatic meter reading equipment was being looked into. This would also entail purchasing software that could sift through the huge amounts of data generated from the meter readings, and display relevant trends in usage statistics and allow dissemination of the information across other agencies. The first buildings to be targeted will be places like libraries, leisure centres and schools. Councillor Ingall commented that meter readings were a key performance indicator for monitoring. There was discussion about the best ways of achieving this in the short term and it was agreed to undertake an exercise to locate and read all the energy meters in all the Council's buildings. It was suggested that the Green Team and the Energy Champions could be involved in this.

Councillor Ingall asked that figures be produced showing what energy savings the Council had achieved already. This information should be shared across

the Council and in the Council Life publication. He also suggested asking a company that specialised in energy savings to estimate how much energy could be saved if the methods already introduced were rolled out to all sites.

Another area identified where energy could be saved was in car park lighting and street lighting. The possible solutions included using LED lighting and installing energy limiters. Trials at Chapel Street car park and Bold Lane car park had already shown savings of £600 a month using energy limiter's. A control unit that had been installed at Queen's Leisure Centre was already saving energy and reducing energy costs. Members asked for details of savings and projected reduction in energy usage and cost savings so that this could be publicised.

Members were told that staff were also looking into the training of people in energy management in places such as food catering establishments.

Neil also advised the Commission that there would be a 'Saving Day' in September or October where people living in Derby and Council employees would be encouraged to save energy between the hours of 4.00-7.00pm. It was hoped that the Council's energy suppliers would be able to provide details of energy saved during this period. Members suggested that there should be an incentive for people to join in saving day or penalties for not joining in.

Members asked to be provided with the Council's current carbon footprint, what it could be in five years if nothing was done to address it and what it could be in five years with measures to reduce it.

**Resolved to note the presentation and to ask for further information as requested to be provided to a future meeting of the Commission.**

## 10/07      Update Report on the Council's Corporate Climate Change Programme

Andy Hills, Environmental Co-ordination Team Leader, provided the Commission with a presentation on the efforts that were being undertaken by his team to combat Carbon Dioxide emissions.

Working in conjunction with Derby City Partnership they were looking at reducing energy consumption and moving towards more eco friendly fuels within the council estate and the vehicle fleet.

Over the next five years they were looking at trying to achieve a 25% reduction in carbon emissions. There would also be a drive for environmental education and awareness as this would help in the long run to show people and businesses what could be done and what could be achieved.

It was suggested that a representative from Woking Council be invited to Derby to discuss with the Commission how they had managed to reduce CO2 emissions by 70%.

**Resolved to invite a representative from Woking Council to meet with the Commission to discuss their achievements in reducing CO2 emissions.**

11/07          Overview and Scrutiny Commissions-Work Planning and Resources 2007/08.

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services on work planning and available resources to complete any work carried out. Members were provided with a list of suggested topics for consideration.

**Resolved to include the following topics on the work programme:**

- **Project to involve Green Team and Energy Champions in regular reading of all the Council's energy meters**
- **Cost savings from energy saving solutions**
- **Use of drugs in public toilets**

12/07          Co-Option of Members to the Commission

Members of the Commission were asked to consider co-opting Peter Robinson and Jane Temple from the Derby Climate Change Campaign to the Commission for the 2007/8 municipal year.

**Resolved to approve the co-option of Peter Robinson and Jane Temple of the Derby Climate Change Campaign to the Climate Change Commission for the 2007/08 municipal year.**

13/07          Council Cabinet Forward Plan.

The Commission studied the latest version of the Forward Plan.

**Resolved to request a report on 17/05 – Approval of Waste Strategy.**

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