

ITEM 6



COUNCIL CABINET
31 October 2007

Report of the Chair of the Climate Change Commission

The inclusion of information on Carbon Implications in Council reports

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Cabinet give consideration to requiring that information on the carbon implications of proposals be included when relevant in Council reports.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 2.1 At the Climate Change Commission meeting on 17 September 2007 it was suggested by one of the Commission's co-opted members that details of the implications for carbon emissions associated with proposals should be included when relevant in Council reports.

Issue(s)

- 2.2 It was suggested to the meeting that decisions can currently be made by members who are not in possession of information relating to the environmental disadvantages of a proposal and that this might result in decisions that have an adverse environmental impact on the City and its residents

Conclusions of the Commission

- 2.3 Members considered that the inclusion of information on potential carbon emissions would help to illustrate the environmental disbenefits of proposals and should consequently lead to more balanced decision taking.

Members did however recognise that the provision of accurate predictions of the carbon implications of all proposals could in some circumstances be difficult if not impossible and they appreciated that having inaccurate or incomplete information might be as misleading as having no information at all.

Members resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that they give consideration to requiring that information on carbon implications be included when relevant in Council reports.

The Commission would be happy to work with Cabinet and the relevant officers to assess what information is required and how it might best be provided.

Recommendations of the Commission

- 2.4 That Council Cabinet give consideration to requiring that information on the carbon implications of proposals be included when relevant in Council reports.

Reasons for the Commission's Recommendations

- 2.5 Without this information decisions might be made by members who are not in possession of information relating to the environmental disadvantages of a proposal and that this in turn might result in decisions that have an adverse environmental impact on the City and its residents

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Background papers:	Background Papers - None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Carbon implications are of concern to all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report has the potential to link with the following Corporate Priorities:
 - Leading Derby towards a better environment
 - Giving excellent services and value for money