

### The Derby Declaration on Climate Change

*We acknowledge that:*

- evidence continues to mount that climate change is occurring
- climate change will have far reaching effects on the UK's people and places, economy, society and environment
- tough decisions will need to be taken at the international, national and local level to readdress the balance between economic growth and a deteriorating environment.

*We welcome the*

- social, economic and environmental benefits which come from combating climate change
- emissions targets agreed by central government and the programme for delivering change, as set out in the UK Climate Change Programme
- opportunity for local government to lead the response at a local level, encouraging and helping local residents, local businesses and other organisations – to reduce their energy costs, to reduce congestion, to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to improve the local environment and to deal with fuel poverty in our communities
- endorsement of this declaration by central government.

*We commit our Council from this date .....to:*

- work with central government to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the target for carbon dioxide reduction by 2010
- participate in local and regional networks to better inform our knowledge of climate change and to identify opportunities to work more collaboratively
- within the next two years develop plans with our partners including Derby City Partnership and with our local communities, to progressively address the causes and the impacts of climate change according to local need
- publicly declare, within appropriately costed and affordable plans and strategies, the commitment to achieve a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from our own authority's operations, especially energy sourcing and use, travel and transport, waste production and disposal and the purchasing of goods and services
- assess the risk associated with climate change and the implications for our services and our communities of climate change impacts and adapt accordingly
- encourage all sectors in our local community to take the opportunity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action
- develop an awareness-raising programme to equip all sectors of the local community with the necessary information and advice to make well informed decisions to help reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions
- monitor the progress of our plans against the actions needed and publish the results through the review of the Council's Environmental Policy.

Derby City Council acknowledges the increasing impact that climate change will have on our community during the 21<sup>st</sup> century and commits to tackling the causes and effects of a changing climate on our city.