



Derby City Council

**PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION CABINET MEMBER MEETING  
13 May 2013**

# ITEM 4

Report of the Strategic Director of  
Neighbourhoods

## **Draft City-wide Climate Change Strategy**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report summarises the development of an outward facing city-wide Climate Change Strategy and seeks approval for public consultation on the document. The Strategy will supersede the Council's own Climate Change Strategy (2010 to 2012). It is proposed that the Strategy is championed by the Renaissance Board as a city-wide initiative under the Derby Plan.
- 1.2 The Climate Change Team will lead on the development of the Strategy and in line with the city partnership approach will gain the buy in and support from the main public, private and voluntary sector organisations throughout the city to develop a number of high profile projects. A key part of this process is to consult publically on the document.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve the city wide Climate Change Strategy as a draft document for public consultation.
- 2.2 To agree that the public consultation shall commence the week beginning the 20 May 2013.
- 2.3 To authorise the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods to make any further minor amendments to the draft document, should they be required.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Since the adoption of the Council's Climate Change Strategy in January 2010, the local, regional and national agenda has changed significantly. Councils are expected to play more of an enabling role; identifying the issues and aspirations of the public, private and voluntary sectors in order to create a common agenda. By leading on the city-wide Strategy the Climate Change Team aims to fulfil this role and create a city vision which sets out strategic level priorities (the themes) for action.
- 3.2 The issue of climate change needs to be embraced by the city to better understand the implications and to capitalise on the opportunities that a more resource efficient city will bring. It is therefore important that a partnership approach is adopted and that the ownership of the Strategy sits with the Derby Renaissance Board and the City's

- 3.3 As the future Strategy aims to be a partnership document through which to gain the buy in and support of public, private and voluntary sector organisations as well as the residents of Derby it is essential that there is a public consultation to allow feedback on the themes and overall document.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Council's Climate Change Strategy was adopted in January 2010 to set out how actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation could be internally addressed. A considerable amount of progress has been made however, there is the need as described in section 3.1 to develop a coordinated approach embracing the wider city.
- 4.2 The Strategy will set out Derby's high level ambitions to embrace the challenges that climate change will bring in a positive and proactive way. The Strategy will be an evolving document providing a framework through which partners can work together to reduce the city's carbon emissions, address the challenges, and take advantage of the opportunities that climate change will bring.
- 4.3 The aims of the Strategy are to:
1. raise the profile and understanding of how Derby can proactively and positively respond to climate change
  2. articulate a shared vision about how the city perceives this critically important issue;
  3. acknowledge and build on the strengths of the city to deliver this vision
  4. identify and understand the gaps that exist and develop a common agenda to address these weaknesses involving collaboration and partnership working;
  5. promote long term, integrated planning across different disciplines and organisations to better manage the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the city.
- 4.4 Working in consultation with the City's Climate Change Alliance, six strategic priority themes have been developed (see below).  
Derby will be a city that benefits from:

<b>a thriving sustainable economy</b>	Businesses are able to take advantage of and access new technologies, low-carbon goods and services and use resources more efficiently
<b>a secure local and renewable energy supply</b>	Reducing the reliance of the city on energy from fossil fuels by developing a locally generated heat and power network and increasing access to a diverse, efficient and more secure energy supply.
<b>being prepared for a changing environment</b>	The city is able to respond positively to the effects of climate change and resource availability.

<b>smarter travel options</b>	Residents and businesses choose to use a range of well provided for, easily accessible and integrated lower carbon travel choices.
<b>energy efficient homes</b>	Residents have homes that enable them to manage their need for, and use of energy, effectively and efficiently.
<b>an informed environmental community</b>	Residents and businesses have access to skills and learning opportunities that lead to positive action, collaboration and changes in behaviour.

4.4 The Strategy document will address each theme briefly outlining the theme, where we are now as a city and a number of key high level actions to move forward. The aim of the Strategy is not to prescribe in detail what needs to be done but to identify strategic gaps and potential opportunities that can be addressed through partnership working.

4.5 Reflecting the partnership emphasis, the Derby Renaissance Board will be the sponsoring body for the Strategy and will oversee the progress that is made through the production of an annual progress report.

The Climate Change Team will work with city partners, primarily through the Climate Change Alliance, to identify project opportunities that will help deliver the City's climate change ambitions.

4.5 Following the approval of the draft document a eight week consultation exercise will be undertaken. This will start the week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and will conclude towards the end of July. The final draft document will need to be approved in the Autumn 2013.

4.6 The consultation on the draft strategy will be open to all residents and stakeholders in Derby including further consultation with the Climate Change Alliance, the Renaissance Board, Community and Voluntary sector organisations and Council Officers.

4.7 During the consultation, the draft strategy document will be made available with an accompanying feedback questionnaire for all stakeholders with an interest in the consultation. This information will be available online and hard copies will be available at local libraries, Leisure Centres, Derby Homes / Local Housing Offices, Connexions, Sure Start Children's Centres and Community Centres.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not progressing with a city-wide strategy. This will reduce the ability of the Council and its partners to fully understand the implications and opportunities of climate change.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	N/A
<b>Financial officer</b>	N/A
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	N/A
<b>Estates/Property officer</b>	N/A

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None.

**Legal**

2.1 None.

**Personnel**

3.1 The development and co-ordination of the Strategy falls within the remit of the Climate Change Team.

**Equalities Impact**

4.1 None.

**Health and Safety**

5.1 None

**Environmental Sustainability**

6.1 The Strategy will directly contribute to work to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across the city.

**Property and Asset Management**

7.1 None.

**Risk Management**

8.1 None.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

9.1 The proposals relate directly to the Derby Plan: Fewer household carbon emissions and fewer emissions from industry and transport.