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COUNCIL CABINET
31 October 2007

Report of the Chair of the Climate Change Commission

Proposed measures to promote reductions in Energy use and improve Recycling in Derby

RECOMMENDATION

1. That arrangements are made to promote the concepts of reducing energy use and recycling as widely as possible to Derby schools and that in addition, the schools are encouraged to collect recyclable materials.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 17 September 2007 the Climate Change Commission received a presentation from Jeremy Fisk on a project that he had undertaken with some of his neighbours to reduce their domestic consumption of energy.
- 2.2 Jeremy explained to the Commission that he and his neighbours had determined the amount of gas and electricity that they used during a normal two week period and had then compared this with the amount that they used during a two week period when they were consciously trying to minimise their use of energy. He told the Commission that simple measures such as turning off lights and electrical appliances when they were not required and marginally reducing the central heating temperature, could achieve significant reductions in energy use, cost, and carbon emissions, although he pointed out that it was easier to reduce electricity consumption than gas consumption.
- 2.3 At the same meeting of the Commission members received a briefing from Colin Stewart – Contract Development Officer, on the Waste Strategy. In the course of his presentation Colin emphasised the need for recover/recycle waste materials to reduce the amount that the Council had to dispose of.

Conclusions of the Commission

- 2.4 Members considered that it would be worthwhile for the Council to promote methods of reducing energy use to the residents of Derby. It was suggested that one way of doing this might be through the schools and the Commission resolved to make this suggestion to Council Cabinet.
- 2.5 Commission members also considered that recycling was a concept that could usefully be promoted to schools, and it was suggested that the schools themselves should be encouraged to collect recyclable materials.

Recommendations of the Commission

- 2.6 On the basis of the information provided to it by Jeremy and Colin, the Commission resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that arrangements be made to promote the concepts of reducing energy use and recycling as widely as possible to Derby schools and that in addition, the schools be encouraged to collect recyclable materials.

Reasons for the Commission's Recommendations

- 2.7 The Commission considers that these initiatives will help to promote the concepts of reducing energy use and recycling within the City.

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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. The initiatives proposed in the report will have benefits for all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report has the potential to link with