

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 10 April 2007

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Local Authority Carbon Management Programme (LACMP) – Strategy and Implementation Plan

RECOMMENDATION

1.1 To approve the LACMP Strategy and Implementation Plan and refer any comments to Council Cabinet.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Council, in partnership with Derbyshire County Council, was accepted onto the LACMP in April 2006. The Programme is supported by the Carbon Trust and its aim is to assist council's to develop and implement an action plan to reduce their carbon emissions.
- 1.2 The Strategy and Implementation Plan (SIP) is attached at Appendix 2. The Project has been led by the Energy Manager. Officers have attended a number of workshops facilitated by the Carbon Trust in developing the SIP and a number of key 'carbon generating' departments have contributed. A draft SIP has been sent to the Carbon Trust and their comments have been incorporated.
- 1.3 The SIP concentrates on reducing emissions by actions relating to:
 - Buildings
 - Business mileage, including vehicle fleet
 - Internally generated waste.
- 1.4 The starting point for the Plan is to develop a base line assessment of the Council's carbon emissions. Options for reducing these have then been considered and an action plan developed, giving an indication of carbon emissions and costs that might be saved.
- 1.5 Some of the proposed actions are further developed than others but the production of this Plan is the first step towards a systematic approach to the cost effective and measured reduction of carbon emissions and is the starting point of an on-going project. The actions identified and programmed at this stage relate mainly to:
 - staff engagement encouragement to save energy
 - establishing a robust targeting and monitoring regime to provide better data and identify waste
 - projects to improve the energy performance of buildings

Less developed but planned projects identified include:

- alternative means of power generation, including solar, hydro and wind turbine power
- 'greening' the Council vehicle fleet
- business travel and commuting.

- 1.6 The SIP, having targeted reductions of 15% in carbon emissions over five years, will form an important part of the Council's Climate Change Action Programme and overall reduction target in carbon emissions of 25%.
- 1.7 Implementation of the SIP has already begun with the recently held and highly successful Employee Conference arranged by this Commission

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications
	Appendix 2 – LACMP Strategy and Implementation plan

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The SIP identifies the amount the Council spends on energy, the likely price increases and the potential for reducing these by energy management/conservation measures.
- 1.2 Acceptance on the programme enables the Council to bid for external funding, to invest in energy efficiency measures and technologies. A grant of £100 000 has been provisionally secured from Salix an independent company set up by the Carbon Trust to work with the public sector to reduce carbon emissions through investment in energy efficiency measures. This grant is to be match funded by the Council and will create a self sustaining fund to help kick start an energy efficiency drive.
- 1.3 In addition, the Council has allocated £120 000 for each of the next two years for capital energy efficiency schemes. This supplements a similar budget for the last two years.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3.1 The capacity to deliver the Council's commitment reduction in energy consumption and carbon emissions will be reviewed under the Climate Change Action Programme.

Equalities impact

4. None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

 The plan will contribute significantly to the 2007 – 2010 corporate priorities of Leading Derby towards a better environment., outcomes of reducing level of carbon emissions and raising awareness on climate change; and Giving you excellent services and value for money, outcome of increasing value for money. Appendix 2

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