



CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 15 SEPTEMBER 2008

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Reduction of Carbon Emissions by Employees in day to day life

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To ask officers to contact the Climate Change Champions asking them for ideas to reduce carbon emissions in offices across the Council.
- 1.2 To ask the Chair to write an article in Council Life to explain why the Commission is looking for ways to take positive action to reduce carbon emissions and to ask for ideas about how this can be done.
- 1.3 To ask the Climate Change Unit and Procurement Officers to review what is non essential but regularly purchased across the Council and has an impact on carbon emissions (Like water coolers).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its June meeting the Climate Change Commission agreed to put a proposal to Council Cabinet to remove the water coolers in Council Offices.
- 2.2 This measure was designed to take positive action to help reduce the Council's Carbon Footprint.
- 2.3 There may be other measures that the Council can take that can easily and quickly have an impact upon the carbon levels emitted in offices on a daily basis.
- 2.4 The Commission could encourage the removal of anything that impacts on the Council's carbon footprint across council offices by:
 - Asking the Climate Champions for suggestions about what could change/be removed from offices to help to reduce the Council's carbon footprint without causing a disruption to services or having a major influence on the quality of life for staff.

- The Chair could write an article in Council Life explaining the Commission's intentions and ask for suggestions from officers to be put forward.
- The Climate Change Unit and Procurement Officers could be asked to review what is regularly purchased and to establish which items could change/be removed from offices to help to reduce the Council's carbon footprint without causing a disruption to services or having a major influence on the quality of life for staff.

2.5 A list of suggestions could then be submitted to Council Cabinet.

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Background papers:	Water Coolers Council Cabinet report 8 July 2008
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. Effective scrutiny is to the benefit of all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2008-11 to:
 - Give you excellent services and value for money.
 - Leading Derby towards a better environment.