

**REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE**



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**SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN**

**PURPOSE**

1. To update Executive and seek approval on the Sustainability Action Plan (Appendix 1 - Sustainability Action Plan Summary Document) and the associated Carbon Management Programme Project Plan (Appendix 2).

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Executive to approve the Sustainability Action Plan Summary Document and its incorporation into the Carbon Management Programme.
3. The Executive to support and help raise the profile of the Carbon Management Programme and wider sustainability issues across the council. The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources to act as Champion on behalf of the Executive.
4. The Executive recommend that full Council adopts the Nottingham Declaration (Appendix 3).

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

5. The Sustainability Action Plan identifies key priorities for the Council in the Climate Change Agenda.
6. The Carbon Management Programme delivered by the Carbon Trust provides a structured process to assist the Council to achieve both the Council's and National Strategic Objectives.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

7. The Climate Change Bill was introduced to parliament in November 2007 as part of the government's commitment to address the causes and consequences of climate change. It is scheduled to receive Royal Assent in Autumn 2008 and will place an emphasis on local authorities to provide vision and leadership to local communities and the private sector. As such, along with a number of legislative drivers that the government has created for local authorities in order to achieve the objectives set out within the Climate Change Bill (i.e. to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 60% by 2050), Defra have created three National Indicators specific to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, specifically:
- **NI185 – percentage CO<sub>2</sub> reduction from LA operations:**  
Measurement against this indicator requires each local authority to calculate its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from analysis of the energy and fuel use in their relevant buildings and transport, including where these services have been outsourced.
  - **NI186 – per capita CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the LA area:**  
The percentage reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> per capita in each LA will be reported annually. This will be produced by Central Government based on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the Local Area from business and Public Sector, domestic housing, and road transport.
  - **NI188 – planning to Adapt to Climate Change**  
LA to report on the progress on assessing and managing climate risks and opportunities, and incorporating appropriate action into local authority strategic planning.
8. The Environment is one of 5 key priorities in the latest LAA (along with the Economy; Health and Wellbeing; Education, Training and Skills; and Community Safety). Six of the seven performance indicators relating to the Environment strand in the LAA are National Indicators (NI186, NI187, NI188, NI192, NI195 and NI197).
9. The Corporate Sustainability Group has identified five main thematic groups (Travel and Transport; Energy; Internal Recycling; Procurement; and Design) to focus on, in order to effectively improve energy efficiency and lower carbon emission across the council. Sustainability Action Plans for each of these aforementioned themes has been developed to deliver the Council's carbon reduction commitment of reducing energy consumption by 5% per annum and demonstrate our contribution towards the national goal of developing a low carbon economy.
10. Burnley Borough Council was accepted onto the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme by the Carbon Trust in the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The Carbon Trust provides technical support to guide and help Burnley Borough Council prepare for incoming

regulation and legislation; manage and reduce energy bills through a systematic analysis our carbon footprint; assessment of opportunities to help manage carbon emission; calculation of the value at stake and the case for taking action.

11. A preliminary Energy Management and Opportunities Assessment was carried out by Dr. Athier Alani via the Carbon Trust whereby a recommendation of opportunities to reduced energy consumption have been identified and prioritised to ensure that the emphasis is placed on those with significant energy reduction potential within the shortest payback period was produced. These recommendations were examined by the Corporate Sustainability Group and incorporated into the Carbon Management Programme Action Plan.
12. The Nottingham Declaration is a voluntary pledge made by Council to address the issues of climate change. Local authorise are encouraged to sign the Nottingham Declaration which is endorsed by the Minister for Climate Change and Environment and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, as a public commitment to tackling climate change.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

13. The council has allocated £100k per annum in the Capital Programme over the next five years toward energy efficiency works. There is likely to be a revenue saving generated by this expenditure over the 5 year period.
14. Continual commitment in the capital programme is required for the medium term to ensure the successful delivery of the Sustainability Action Plan.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

15. Consistent with Council Policy.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

16. Corporate Sustainability Group  
Chair of Better Services

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

17. Held in Property Consultancy.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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[Appx 2](#)

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