

Brighton & Hove City Council

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Meeting: Sustainability Commission Chair's
Sustainability Commission

Date: October 2006

Report of: Director of Environment

Subject: Carbon Management Programme - Update

Ward(s) affected: All

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To update Members on progress with the City Council's Carbon Management Programme.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Members of the Sustainability Commission consider and prioritise carbon reduction opportunities once they have been organised and grouped.

3. Information/background

3.1 Brighton & Hove City Council is committed to taking part in the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. The Programme started in May and will run to March 2007 when an Implementation Plan should be agreed by Members.

4. Update on Programme Progress

4.1 The programme is on schedule and the project team has received very positive feedback from the Carbon Trust.

Brighton & Hove Carbon Footprint

4.2 The project team has gathered the majority of the available data regarding buildings energy use, staff travel and the transport fleet. This will now be translated into a carbon footprint for Brighton & Hove City Council. Work

will also be undertaken on future emissions projections and the associated financial implications.

Quick wins

- 4.3 The implementation of the 'quick wins' action plan has started. Projects that are underway include, the installation of PowerPerfector technology (which controls supply and reduces overall energy consumption) for Bartholomew House, an out of hours energy audit at King's house, and the staff energy awareness campaign (which will involve two staff events in November).

Opportunities workshop

- 4.4 The Carbon Trust helped run an Opportunities Workshop for council staff, which was held at the Jubilee Library on 26 September. The workshop was lively and well attended and many ideas for reducing energy and fuel use were identified. These opportunities will now be prioritised by the project team with input from councillors through the Sustainability Commission.

Ideas sharing

- 4.5 Sam Smith (Programme Leader) and Jason Clarke (Water and Energy Manger) attended a national Carbon Trust Ideas Sharing event in Bradford on 5 October. The event confirmed that the council is on track with the programme and enabled ideas and progress to be shared between the Carbon Trust and participating councils. National developments include:

- A new programme for the NHS
- An expansion of the Salix fund
- A new Planning for Renewables initiative

- 4.6 Ideas from other local authorities included:

- Incentives for staff to turn off equipment
- Compulsory watching of energy awareness DVD for all new staff
- Bio-mass boilers fuelled by wood chips from local parks
- Individual metering of equipment

Next steps

- 4.7 The next steps for the programme include prioritising opportunities, assessing costs/benefits for options, producing an overall case for action, the start of the energy awareness campaign and a trial of a low carbon 'optimum office' environment.

5. Consultation

- 4.1 In addition to the opportunities workshop, information has been placed on the Wave and an email address for staff to send their carbon reduction ideas too, has been established. (carbon.managment@brighton-hove.gov.uk).

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Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications contained within this report, however, there will be potential for this programme to relieve budget pressure caused by rising energy costs and also to contribute to efficiency savings.

Finance Officer consulted: Rob Allen, Principle Strategic Finance Officer Date 17 October 2006

Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from the report.

Lawyer consulted: Hillary Woodward, Senior Lawyer Date 17 October 2006

<h3>Corporate/Citywide implications</h3> <p>The programme offers an opportunity for the council to provide an example and leadership to local residents, organisations and businesses. The programme will also ensure that the council plays its part in tackling climate change.</p>	<h3>Risk assessment</h3> <p>A formal risk analysis has been conducted with Jackie Alger (Risk Manager).</p>
<h3>Sustainability implications</h3> <p>The programme will enable the council to deliver some of its key sustainability objectives including some of the actions within the Brighton & Hove Climate Change Action Plan. It will also provide the opportunity to embed a carbon management/energy efficiency culture within the council and amongst staff.</p>	<h3>Equalities implications</h3> <p>The Strategic Implementation Plan will need to be assessed for any equalities impacts once it has been developed.</p>
<h3>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder</h3> <p>The Strategic Implementation Plan will need to be assessed for any implications on the prevention of crime and disorder once it has been developed.</p>	

Background papers [Part 1 reports only]

1. *Members Briefing paper (circulated to all Members) 3 August 2006*
2. *Project Plan document July 2006 (available on request from Sam Smith 291283)*
3. *Sustainability Commission Report Sept 06*

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