

Appendix 1: Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Leeds

Introduction

A citywide strategy and action plan needs to include everyone – businesses, education establishments, health service, individuals and community groups. To gain support for the strategy, members of the Leeds Initiative, officers and councillors were invited to a workshop on World Environment Day.

It was proposed that a Climate Changer Strategy Group be set up within the Leeds Environment City Partnership and that the group comprise of the group chair (councillor), Climate Change Officer, Environment City Manager and a representative from each of the following themed groups:

- Planning and development
- Adaptation (covers flooding arrangements not covered by planning)
- Built environment
- Transport
- Waste
- Procurement
- Natural environment
- Education and awareness

Participants were invited to join a themed group and each themed group was asked to nominate a member to represent them at the Climate Change Strategy Group (Appendix 2). It was suggested that both the themed groups and the Climate Change Strategy Group would meet at quarterly intervals requiring the group representative to attend eight meetings per year.

The response to these proposals was extremely positive and will be implemented once the Climate Change Officer has been appointed, this will be either October or November of this year, dependant on the successful candidates existing commitments.

Proposed Timetable:

It is hoped that the first meeting of the Climate Change Strategy Group will take place in November this year when a timetable of events will be agreed. The following programme will be proposed:

	Themed group	CC Strategy Group
2006		
Q4		Establish administrative needs for both strategy and themed groups Agree timetable
2007		
Q1	Identify opportunities to add to those already identified by LCC officers. Identify existing achievements to feature in the climate change strategy	Receive feedback - identify gaps and opportunities where different themes would benefit from working together.

	Themed group	CC Strategy Group
Q2	Receive feedback – identify further opportunities by working across groups	Receive feedback - agree how to change opportunities to actions* and to monitor action plan. Start to review strategy document
Q3	Receive feedback – agree an action plan to meet 2010 targets	Receive feedback – Continue to review strategy
Q4	Review strategy	Plan strategy launch
2008		
Q1	Launch strategy with action plan to meet 2010 targets	
Q2	Implement action plan	Monitor and review 2010 targets
Q3	“	“
Q4	“	“
2009		
Q1	Develop action plan 2010-2020	Monitor and review
Q2	“	“
Q3	“	“
Q4	“	“
2010		
Q1	Launch action plan 2010 to 2020	

* with reference to the Nottingham Declarations Action Pack

Role of the Climate Change Working Group

Progress to date can be attributed to a multi-department group which has been meeting under the chairmanship of Councillor David Blackburn since March 2005. It is proposed that this group continues to meet to ensure that where the climate change strategy and action plan contains actions and targets that apply to LCC activities and services, then these targets can be and are achieved. It is also proposed that an LCC officer represents LCC interests at each of the themed groups.

Role of the Climate Change Officer

The Climate Change Officer will facilitate the work of the climate change working group, the Climate Change Strategy Group and the climate change themed groups. Attendance at the themed groups will not be required since members of the Climate Change Strategy Group will identify their needs.

The Climate Change Officer will develop the Climate Change Strategy based on an outline document that has already been prepared (Appendix 3) and a considerable amount of research that has already been conducted. The Climate Change Officer will also identify existing monitoring arrangements and put a system in place to monitor future requirements.