

Environment			Reference	ENV-1b
Improvement Priority	Lead Officer	Organisation	Overall Progress Rating	
Reduce emissions from public sector buildings, operations and service delivery and encourage others to do so	Paul Brook	Leeds C C	Amber	

Overall assessment of progress

Overall progress has been made; however, further work is to be carried out to identify specific requirements for collecting data to ensure this improvement priority can be reported more accurately next quarter. Work continues to define new software to give detailed energy consumption, which allows for target setting and monitoring authority wide. The Council is working towards a number of schemes to help reduce carbon emissions, from using staff as 'energy guardians', to being involved in proposals for combined heat and power schemes in Leeds; from increasing sustainable travel options for staff, to launching the Leeds Climate Charter (focused on organisations), and the Leeds Climate Pledge (aimed at individuals).

PI Ref	Definition	Comments	Baseline	2008/09 Target	Year to Date Performance	RAG Rating	Data Quality
NI 185	CO2 reduction from local authority operations	2008-09 is being used as both the baselining year, and to establish an action plan and targets for the remaining two years. Data are collated from a number of different services across the council, and emissions from outsourced services are being recorded wherever possible. Because of the complex nature of the indicator, a process-mapping exercise is underway, to ensure data quality. This will be completed during the second half of 2008-09. Baseline figures for Q2 are complete; however, because the indicator compares performance on an annual basis, it is not possible to draw any conclusions from these figures (performance will likely fluctuate from season to season).	Baseline to be set from 2008 calendar year	To be set when the baseline has been calculated	n/a	n/a	No concerns

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Corporate and Strategic EMAS groups have been established, and an Environmental Policy drafted. Seven schools have now been accredited to EMAS standard.	Failure to retain EMAS accreditation.	Continue to work with corporate groups	Tom Knowland	Revised policy agreed by end of year	
The Carbon Trust has committed to paying 50% towards the cost of a Strategic Energy Action Plan for the leisure centre estate. Additional funding sources are being identified through consultation with LCC's Energy Management Unit.	Cost increase in utilities remain a major cost pressure. The age of some leisure centres mean the buildings do not rank favourably in terms of energy efficiency. Resources to deliver 'step change' in this area are not extensive.	Continue to review energy usage and to implement management action as appropriate.	Mark Allman	Ongoing	
The energy guardian network has been set up to actively raise awareness of energy usage and change the behaviour of all staff across Leeds City Council. The aim is to reduce energy usage and as a consequence make savings in our greenhouse gas emissions and the amount of money spent on fuel bills. The energy guardians have just been consulted to identify suggestions for development of the scheme. 'Energy Angels' have been established for each library site. The new Garforth Library has been designed with a number of key green elements.	As with any voluntary group, it is important to keep members of the network engaged; if this doesn't happen, the success of the scheme will be limited.	Continue to raise awareness of the scheme and to engage volunteers.	Tom Knowland	Ongoing	
Proposals on the legal structure of the regional Energy Service Company steering group are nearly complete. We aim to progress this at a project level e.g. Eastgate. A combined heat and power project can deliver cheaper, efficient heat and power to new developments, reducing costs for businesses, and reducing carbon emissions due to its efficiency.	Failure to take account of the effects of climate change on existing and future developments (and vice versa). Increasing number of design pressures and expectations have implications for the revenue budget.	Develop project implementation with colleagues from across the authority. Future Energy Yorkshire are currently negotiating funding for the next three years.	Tom Knowland	Complete project deliverables by December 2008	A 'combined heat and power' plant is one that uses the heat from power generation to heat buildings. Whilst the initial set-up costs are high, the efficiency of this system provides savings in the long term. It works best when supplying mixed use new developments, so that there is a constant demand for heat (e.g. offices/commercial venues during the day, and hotels/residential sites at night).
Replacing 80,000 street lights across Leeds: although the July milestone relating to the provision of an efficient and effective street lighting asset which minimised energy use was met, industrial action by electrical jointers has led to a concession request to delay the January 2009 milestone. A new energy contract, effective to 31 October 2010, has been signed.	The industrial action (now ended) has resulted in an anticipated delay of two months to the Core Investment Programme.	Continued roll out of the programme; the actual delay is being assessed.	Helen Franklin	Ongoing to 2011	

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In line with the 'One Council' change programme, the Corporate Travel Plan agenda has progressed by moving away from directorate-based travel plans to an updated Corporate Travel Plan Strategy, with site travel plans being implemented from June 2008. The promotion of sustainable travel options is ongoing, with programmes to rationalise and reallocate car parking permits, a review of casual/essential car user status based on business need, preparations to roll out the WhizzGo car club corporately, and an assisted bike purchase scheme.		Complete post release process for communications officer post.	Tom Knowland	Ongoing	N/A
<p>The Leeds Climate Change Pledge is an initiative aimed at individuals, encouraging them to change their behaviour to reduce their impact on climate change. The scheme recently launched via the Leeds Initiative website, and those who have signed the pledge will be contacted in the future with practical tips on further reducing their impact on the environment (for example, tips on composting, alternative modes of transport etc).</p> <p>The Leeds Climate Charter is a similar initiative, but is aimed at companies/organisations who want to reduce their impact on the environment by examining their building/fleet emissions etc.</p>	Currently funded through EU for some climate change events	Continue to promote both schemes by linking via partners' websites. Follow-up contact with people who have pledged to do something, to offer practical tips on how to meet their pledge(s).	Jon Andrews	Annual event	

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Phil Crabtree	City Development	VCFS	John Preston/John Holland
Steve Speak	City Development	West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue	Mick Smith
Gary Bartlett	City Development	Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust	Chris Butler/Mike Doyle
Paul Stephens	City Development	Leeds Colleges	Carolyn Wright
Catherine Blanshard	City Development		
Martin Farrington	City Development		
John Kearsley	Resources		
Julie Meakin	Resources		
Dylan Roberts	Resources		
Wayne Baxter	Legal & Democratic Services		