

## SECTION 4: ACTION PLAN – OBJECTIVES

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### Objective 1: Climate Change: *‘We are committed to assuming our global responsibility for climate protection’*

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#### ***At CYC we will:***

- a. Lead the development of a Climate Change Strategy for the City of York.
- b. Lead this activity by example, providing a CYC carbon footprint
- c. Develop a CYC Carbon Management action plan to reduce the Council’s Carbon footprint to a more sustainable level through a programme of prevention, adaptation and mitigation measures
- d. Develop a process to consider adaptation of the most climate-sensitive CYC processes and functions, recognising that climate change may present opportunities as well as threats
- e. Mainstream the City wide Climate Change Strategy into all relevant policies, in particular in the areas of energy, transport, procurement, and waste.
- f. Raise awareness and encourage behaviour change to respond to the causes and probable impacts of climate change within CYC

#### ***Through the influence of our policies, services, contracts and partnerships we will seek to:***

- g. Develop a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for the City of York
  - h. Encourage the development of a low carbon economy in York.
  - i. Reduce Carbon emissions within the city
  - j. Raise awareness of Climate Change, the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, and promote engagement and action.
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## Objective 1: Climate Change

Corporate Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Success measure
Council Policy Prospectus.  Corporate Strategy: Direction Statement & Improvement Statement	Implement the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme (CMP)	Sustainability Officers, CMP Project Team, CMP Project Sponsors, Emergency Planning.	Oct 08	Produce a CO <sub>2</sub> emissions baseline for the council.
			March 08	Develop Climate Change adaptation requirements as part of Emergency Planning Activity. (Adaptation means steps needed to respond to severe weather events)
			April 08	Produce a Carbon Strategy and Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Council.
			April 08	Use the council's SIP to feed into the city wide Climate Change Strategy
	Lead the development of a Climate Change Strategy for the City alongside LSP partners.	Council staff: Sustainability Officers, Emergency Planning, Property Services, Planning	Sep 07	First meeting of the LSP Environment Partnership
			Oct 07	Identify LSP group to take forward the co-ordination of Climate Change Strategy
			Dec 07	First meeting of LSP Climate Change Strategy group to identify remit and scope.
			July 08	Drafting of city Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
			Sep 08	Consultation Draft of Climate Change Strategy for York
	Work towards balancing the economic, social and environmental limits of the city within the Economic Development Strategy and its implementation	Sustainability Officers, EDU	Sept. 07	Provide a response on the impacts of Sustainability on the Future York Report (published June 07)

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**Objective 2: Local Management Towards Sustainability: ‘We are committed to implementing effective decision making and management of sustainability, from formulation through implementation to evaluation.’**

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**At CYC we will:**

- a. Build capacity and understanding of sustainable development issues and environmental limits within CYC.
- b. Strengthen corporate and cross directorate sustainability processes and mainstream them into the heart of CYC
- c. Deliver integrated management towards sustainability, based on the precautionary principle
- d. Set an action plan that is monitored and reviewed annually to implement this Sustainability Strategy.
- e. Ensure that sustainability issues are central to CYC decision making processes through the use of sustainability appraisals on council strategies, policy, projects and procedures
- f. Ensure that resource allocation is based on strong and broad sustainability criteria
- g. Increase understanding and seek introduction of a Triple Bottom Line approach to CYC accounting and decision making.

**Through the influence of our policies, services, contracts and partnerships we will seek to:**

- f. Lead the development of a sustainable community strategy
- h. Encourage ambitious sustainable Local Area Agreement Targets

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Corporate Strategy: Direction Statement & Improvement Statement	Implement an Environmental Management System across the Council, using the framework and methodology of the European Eco Management and Audit Scheme.	Sustainability officers	July 07	Approve the Environmental Policy for the Council
			April 08	Undertake an Environmental Review of all Council activities to provide a baseline of environmental performance
Organisational Efficiency Programme	Ensure decision makers adopt the precautionary principle for targets, policies programmes etc when information or evidence of environmental outcome is unsure or unknown	Sustainability officers	April 08	Produce a guide to the precautionary principle within the Sustainability appraisal system.
	Monitor this Sustainability action plan annually	Sustainability officers	Apr 08	Sustainability Progress report to Exec each April

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Council Policy Prospectus.	Integrate sustainability consideration into all new reports, policies and practices using sustainability appraisals.	Sustainability officers	April 08	Develop sustainability appraisal system
Corporate Strategy: Direction	Integrate sustainability as an element of all council decision making.	Sustainability officers	April 08	Integrate Sustainability impact considerations into all Council reports
Statement & Improvement Statement	Lead the partners within the LSP to ensure a Sustainable Community Strategy	LSP, LSP partners	April 08	Development of a Revised Sustainable Community Strategy
	Integrate quantifiable environmental limits of sustainability into LAA targets wherever possible	Sustainability officers	April 08	Use the REAP footprinting tool to assist in identifying targets for environmental limits,
Organisational Efficiency Programme	Provide sustainability training through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induction programme</li> <li>• Staff training programme</li> <li>• Member training</li> <li>• Bespoke training (eg BREEAM, REAP)</li> </ul>	Sustainability Officers (+ training team)	Mar 08	Develop a Council Sustainability training and awareness programme
	Raise awareness of sustainability issues through internal communication mechanisms.	Marketing & Communications, Sustainability Officers	Nov 08	Develop a Council Communications Strategy on Sustainability
	Support implementation of the Council's 'Organisational Leadership' priority (IS11)	Director	Yr 2: 07/08, Yr 3: 08/09	As identified in the Organisational Leadership 3 year action plan
	Work with LSP partners to develop long term sustainability vision	LSP, Partnership team	April 08	Sustainability vision within the Sustainable Community Strategy
	Support implementation of the Council's 'Engagement in Service Design' priority (IS10)	Director	Yr 2: 07/08, Yr 3: 08/09	As identified in the Engagement in Service Design 3 year action plan
	Implement Green travel plan,	Transport Planning Unit	Apr 08	Revise green travel plan
	Carbon management programme	Transport Planning Unit	Apr 08	Actions within CMP SIP
	Work with partners integrating the LTP2 and AQAP	Transport Planning Unit, Air Quality Team	Apr 08	Use REAP to model pollution implications of any proposed transport activity

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**Objective 3: Protecting Natural Resources: ‘We are committed to assuming our responsibility to protect, to preserve, and to ensure equitable access to natural resources’**

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**At CYC we will:**

- a. Reduce our use of and reliance on non-renewable resources.
- b. Increase our use of products from renewable sources, including products with high recycled content.
- c. Reduce our reliance on fossil fuel based energy and increase the share of renewable energies
- d. Encourage transmission of fleet to low-emission vehicles
- e. Use water more efficiently

**Through the influence of our policies, services, contracts and partnerships we will seek to:**

- f. Promote and increase biodiversity and extend and care for designated nature areas and green spaces
  - g. Improve air quality
  - h. Improve soil quality, preserve ecologically productive land, forestry and trees
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Council Policy Prospectus.  Corporate Strategy: Direction	Minimise the procurement of virgin non renewable raw materials, ensuring wherever possible high recycled content materials	Council Procurement team	Nov 07	Develop a sustainable procurement strategy. Join the Recycling Action Yorkshire (RAY) procurement programme
Statement & Improvement Statement  Organisational Efficiency Programme	Look to ensure green tariffs (good quality CHP) wherever possible, and support use of energy from renewable sources	Property Services Council Procurement team Sustainability Officers	July 07  Nov 07	Gain Exec approval to the Council’s Energy and Water Policy. Develop a sustainable procurement strategy.

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	Use the energy and water policy to increase water efficiency where possible.	Energy Officer Sustainability Officers	April 08	Identify efficiency targets through the Review activity of the Environmental Management System
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	Develop a Biodiversity Action Plan and a Tree strategy for the Council	Design & Conservation teams	May 08 May 08	Biodiversity Action Plan Draft for Consultation Produce a Council Tree strategy
	Implement the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)	Air Quality Management Team	Ongoing	Implement Air Quality Action Plan

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**Objective 4: Responsible Consumption and Lifestyle Choices: ‘We are committed to adopting and facilitating the prudent and efficient use of resources and to encouraging sustainable consumption and production.’**

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**At CYC we will:**

- a. Avoid and reduce waste and increase reuse and recycling within our council activities
- b. Manage and treat waste in accordance with best practice standards
- c. Adopt the energy hierarchy of reducing our energy needs, increase efficiency in our use of energy, and use energy from renewable sources wherever possible.
- d. Produce a Procurement Strategy from which we will undertake sustainable procurement

**Through the influence of our policies, services, contracts and partnerships we will seek to:**

- e. Actively promote sustainable production and consumption in particular of eco-labelled, organic, locally sourced, ethical and fair trade products
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<b>Corporate Priorities</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Success measure</b>
Council Policy Prospectus.	Implement the Council’s Waste strategy	Neighbourhood services	April 08	Set up a waste recycling trial within council buildings
Corporate Strategy: Direction Statement & Improvement Statement	Develop a sustainable procurement strategy to support the Councils overarching Procurement strategy	Council Procurement team Sustainability Officers	Nov 07	Produce a sustainable Procurement Strategy
Organisational Efficiency Programme	Promote York Fair Trade City status within LSP partnership	LSP partnership team, Sustainability officers	April 08	Raise the awareness of and opportunities presented by Fair Trade City Status into the revision process of Sustainable Community Strategy

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**Objective 5: Planning and Design: ‘We are committed to a strategic role for urban planning and design in addressing environmental, social, economic, health and cultural issues for the benefit of all.’**

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**At CYC we will:**

- a. Apply requirements for sustainable design and construction and promote high quality design and building technologies
- b. Produce a Local Development Framework in accordance with government guidance that puts sustainability at its heart.
- c. Develop an integrated and sustainable urban mobility plan to, from and for work

**Through the influence of our policies, services, contracts and partnerships we will seek to:**

- d. Re-use and regenerate derelict or disadvantaged areas
  - e. Avoid urban sprawl by achieving appropriate urban densities and prioritising brownfield site over greenfield site development
  - f. Ensure the mixed use of buildings and developments with a good balance of jobs, housing and services, giving priority to residential use in city centres
  - g. Ensure appropriate conservation, renovation and use/re-use of our urban cultural heritage
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Corporate Strategy: Direction Statement & Improvement Statement	Improve requirements for sustainable design and construction within Council activity and Planning Guidance.	Planning Department, Sustainability Officers, Property Services	July 07	Gain Exec approval for the Council Policy on Sustainability in Design: Policy and Best Practice
			Sep 07	Gain Exec approval for the Planning Guidance on Sustainable Design and Construction
	Ongoing development of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for York Use the REAP tool to model the ecological footprint of the Options phases.	City Strategy	Sep 07	<i>LDF Core Strategy:</i> Issues & options phase
			April 08	Preferred Options phase
			Nov 07	<i>LDF Key Allocation Development Plan:</i> Issues & Options phase
			Sep 08	Preferred Options
		Apr 08	<i>LDF City Centre Area Action Plan:</i> Issue & Options	
		Oct 07	<i>LDF York Northwest:</i> Issues & Options	

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