Annex 1: Context of Environmental Sustainability and Carbon Management

External Drivers:

UK
Sustainable
Development
strategy;
Local
Government
Act;
LG White
Paper;
Climate
Change Bill;
Energy
White Paper.

UK Task
Force on
Sustainable
Procurement
Code for
Sustainable
Homes;
Energy
Performance
in Buildings
Directive;
WEEE
Directive
....etc

ISO/EMAS performance standard; Efficiency savings; Regulatory compliance

Carbon
Reduction
Commitment
(£tax per
tonne CO2
emitted);
New
Performance
Framework
....etc

GOAL FOR YORK:

A prosperous economy within a fair and just society, operating within our environmental limits.

Sustainability = Society, Economy & Environment

CYC response to environmental limits:

CYC Corporate Strategy includes the Direction Statement and Improvement Priority to reduce environmental impact and greenhouse gas emissions of council activities.

LSP response to environmental limits:

Sustainable Community
Strategy
Uses the Ecological Footprint as
Headline Indicator.
Development of a Climate
Change Strategy for the City.

CYC Strategy:

Environmental Sustainability (ES) Strategy (adopted 11.9.07) Adoption of an Environmental Sustainability Strategy by which we can work towards living within the limits

CYC Policies to support the ES strategy:

Environmental Policy (adopted 11.9.07)

Energy and Water Management Policy (not yet adopted)
Sustainability in Design and Construction Policy (not yet adopted)
Sustainable Procurement Policy (in development)

CYC Implementation Framework and mechanism:

Environmental Management System – this reviews all environmental impacts of the council, and works towards improving performance of the most significant impacts.

Priority is focussed on carbon management as the activity (i.e. carbon emissions) having the most significant impact on our environmental limits.

Carbon Management Programme:

Programme:
Target to reduce
emissions by
25% by 2013
(2006/7 baseline)
Act upon
Strategic
Implementation
Plan
Establish a
Funding

mechanism

Environmental Management Programme:

Assessing impact of all other environmental pollutants, resource use and waste.

Energy and Water Management:

Implementation of action plan to reduce energy and water consumption in council buildings.

Sustainability in Design and Construction: To design and construct

design and construct buildings to exceed council targets, meet statutory requirements and achieve BREEAM ratings of at least Very Good.