

Board and Topic	Rec No.	Recommendations as approved by the Executive on 7 November 2006	Update on Recommendations as of November 2007
Reducing Carbon Emissions Scrutiny Sub-Committee (Review Completed Sept 2006)	1	<p>That Climate Change Strategies and Action Plans are developed by the Council's Sustainability Officer as a matter of urgency. This to be done with a view to best practice approaches used by other Local Authorities. It is acknowledged that the Council is already well advanced in developing its strategies for dealing with climate change, in so far as it has powers to do so, and anticipates that a consultants report will be submitted to Executive shortly. At that time the SMC may, of course if they wish, choose to review the contents of the report".</p>	<p>In September 2007 the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan towards a Climate Change Strategy for York was endorsed by the Executive. This strategy takes a two pronged approach to tackling climate change. The first is to reduce emissions that are a direct result of council activities and this is being taken forward by the council's inclusion in the Carbon Management Programme (CMP). The CMP is a scheme in which the Carbon Trust provide consultants support for Local Authorities to undertake a coordinated approach to carbon reduction. This involves the identification of baseline data, priorities for action, project analysis and finally the production of a Strategic Implementation Programme (due in York in March 2008). The second part of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy dealt with the production of a Climate Change Strategy (CCS) for the city. It was endorsed by Executive in September that this should be produced and implemented by the Local Strategic Partnership as the council is not the only organisation responsible for tackling climate change.</p> <p>The CMP is however, one of the contributions to the city wide CCS from the council. An update report will be provided for the Executive in December 2007 to provide more details of the proposed projects to reduce the council's own carbon emissions under the CMP and the details of how the CCS for the city will be prepared and implemented and what it will cover.</p>
	2	<p>That the Local Development Framework and our present planning policy framework include a Calderdale/Merton Style Target. This target will require developers to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. at least 10% of all energy required is provided from renewable sources in all new and significantly refurbished developments from this point and up to 2010, including domestic development. ii. After 2010 the target rises for onsite embedded renewables to be greater than or equal to 15% between 2010 and 2015 iii. Then rises again to be greater than or equal to 20% between 2015 and 2021 etc. <p>This proposal to be referred to the LDF Working Group for their consideration</p>	<p>An Interim Planning Statement Sustainable Design and Construction will be presented to Planning Committee on the 22nd November for approval as a material consideration when considering planning proposals. It contains specific standards for different types of development. It includes a minimum standard of 10% of energy used in a development to be generated on site.</p>
	3	<p>That the City of York Council researches planning policies adopted by other local authorities with a view to applying them in York, if appropriate, in order to specifically ensure energy efficiency by design. That all plans submitted to the Local authority be tested on these criteria. The proposal to be referred to the LDF Working Group for their consideration.</p>	<p>An Interim Planning Statement Sustainable Design and Construction will be presented to Planning Committee on the 22nd November for approval as a material consideration when considering planning proposals. It contains specific standards for different types of development which cover such issues as energy use and efficiency, water efficiency, materials, design.</p>
	4	<p>That the authority enforce Parts L and F of the Building Regulations as a matter of urgency, resolving any training and resourcing issues that may need addressing, whilst recognising that the deployment of resources will be influenced by the Councils annual budget build process</p>	<p>CYC's Building Control section continue to actively enforce Parts L & F and staff have attended a number of update seminars over the past year. The specific nature of thermal calculations has led to specialist "competent persons" (Government terminology for consultants who have recognised accreditation in a specific field) to come onto the construction market. The availability of these "competent persons" has enabled architects and developers to design and build to the standards are required in Parts F & L. In addition the above mentioned IPS will help to implement improved standards via the planning system.</p>
	5	<p>That the Council, through officers in consultation with its Elected Member Energy Champion request that the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly and/or Yorkshire Forward facilitate region wide BREEAM assessor training for the region's Development Control (and other appropriate) Officers with the aim of reducing costs to individual Local Authorities, with the aim of reducing future expenditure.</p>	<p>BREEAM training has been undertaken with Elected Members and DC officers, this is regularly updated and has formed part of the wider training undertaken in preparation of the agreement of the IPS mentioned above.</p>
	6	<p>That information, including any response to regional questionnaires, on the Councils position be reported to the City Strategy EMAP at an appropriate time</p>	<p>This has been undertaken.</p>

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Reducing Carbon Emissions Scrutiny Sub-Committee (Review Completed Sept 2006)	7	That the authority adopt clearer lines of communication to ensure that information already collated by Housing Officers regarding thermal efficiencies improvements and other Carbon reduction measures, is shared with the Sustainability Officer. This should be done to ensure housing data relevant to the developing Environmental Management System (EMAS) is integrated. Officers in Housing should work with the Authority's Sustainability Officer to agree the best format for such data sharing and, ensure advice regarding targeted improvements in housing and the reporting of these outcomes are delivered under EMAS	Housing collated data on thermal comfort is shared with the Sustainability officer
	8	That the Housing Strategy & Enabling Group - Housing Standards & Adaptations Officer and other officers in housing where relevant work with York EEAC officers consult upon, devise and adopt a 'Energy Efficiency and Thermal Comfort Strategy and Action Plan' for the authority commencing this year. The Officers are recommended to use the Regional Action Plan (Annex C) NEA guidance (Annex F) and activities outlined at paragraph 50 of this report as a primary steer in shaping the process	Private sector strategy will include action plan. Strategy timetabled to be completed July 08 on the back of stock condition survey - which will provide baseline information - due to report March 08. York EEAC officers part of steering group.
	9	That the Local Authority ensures that CYC Officer and Member Positions on the Energy Partnership Board are always filled.	Position filled
	10	That Annual and inter-year joint working be conducted between EEAC's Local Authority Support Programme Co-ordinator and CYC Housing Officers to ensure that opportunities for the use of renewables are considered as part of the HRA and Housing Capital Business plan. Where such opportunities are cost neutral or affordable within the life of the business plan, micro-renewables should be installed as part of the development of the business plan. Consultation between housing officers and EEAC should cover improvements scheduled to buildings fabric, such as photovoltaic roof tiles when roofs need replacement and/or heating, water systems replacements (i.e. can carbon minimising heat pumps be applied) etc; Consultation should also explore opportunities to bring in external grants revenue.	Sustainability issues are considered as part of the product specification and reviews of the HRA Business Plan. Recent changes to product specification for replacement central heating boilers which will result in reduced carbon emissions was considered and approved by EMAP.
Scrutiny Comment as of 26 February 2007: Executive have only recently considered and approved these recommendations therefore to soon to report on their implementation. Suggest update in September 2007			