

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....11th June 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy & Stockton-on-Tees Climate Change Action Plan

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that sought endorsement for the draft Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy that established a baseline position, targets, and broad sub-regional actions for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change. The targets would be delivered through individual action plans being developed by each of the five local authorities in the Tees Valley.

In March 2007 Cabinet Members noted the emerging Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy which included a target of 8.75% CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions reduction below the year 2000 baseline by 2012.

Since then a number of significant changes had occurred which required a significant review of the Tees Valley Strategy and of Stockton's Action Plan, which included the Climate Change Act 2008, the Pitt Review and the introduction of the set of new national indicators.

Stockton had developed a draft action plan that reflected these changing priorities and how it would contribute to the developing Tees Valley Strategy and to the national targets.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The emerging revised Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy which included a target of 21% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction against the baseline year 2005 by 2020 be noted.

2. The draft Stockton on Tees Climate Change Action plan be adopted as the basis for further consultation and delegated approval of the final Action Plan be given to the Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Supporting the Tees Valley strategy would ensure that the response to climate change was more effective, there were shared objectives and common actions as well as an agreed baseline and protocol for reporting on progress. It was seen as an example of best practice in the region and was a model that could be adopted elsewhere in the country.

The reduction measures within the action plan were achievable and, when added to the actions to be taken by other organisations within the Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership, can make a significant overall contribution to national targets.

Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions can be achieved through a range of actions including energy efficiency measures, supporting appropriate renewable energy options, reducing waste, improvements in recycling, reduction in traffic volumes, use of cleaner fuels, and adopting higher building standards in new developments.

As signatories of the Nottingham declaration on climate change the Council was committed to publicly declare targets for significant reductions in emissions and to develop an action plan to deliver on the targets. The report and the accompanying documents enable the Council to meet these obligations.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By Midnight, Friday, 19th June 2009

Proper Officer

16 June 2009