

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting8th July 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Carbon Management - Annual Report

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that presented progress made in the delivery of the Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan and detailed planned actions for 2010/11.

Members were reminded that first year of the carbon management programme had focussed on some 'quick wins' resulting in a 7% carbon reduction. As the programme moved into its second year, it became clear that achieving the projected carbon savings would be challenging, particularly in an environment where there was a constant upward pressure on electricity consumption, for example increased use of ICT and increased opening hours of schools and Council buildings.

Despite this the carbon management programme was projecting carbon savings for the 2009-10 to be in the region of 8%, demonstrating a continued trend to achieving the Council's target of a 25% reduction by 2013. However, there had been several in year variables which had perhaps slanted this figure. These included the severely cold winter requiring extended heating in Council facilities and the fact that Billingham Forum, one of the largest contributors, had been offline. A comparison to a normal year's operation was being developed to understand what the actual carbon reduction would have been without those variables.

Cabinet was provided with details of progress made against the Strategy and Implementation Plan and new activities that were contributing to the programme objectives. Details of how Salix funding had been spent was also provided as were details of planned actions for 2010/11

RESOLVED that:-

1. the progress made in the delivery of the Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan be noted.

2. the planned actions for 2010/11 to continue delivery of the programme be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

1. As an organisation Stockton Borough Council was responsible through its activities, buildings and consumption of goods for producing 47,700 tonnes of CO2 based upon financial year 2007-08.

2. Stockton Council had a Community leadership role to use resources wisely, setting an example to other businesses, stakeholders, partner organisations and the wider community.

3. There was a need to meet climate change-driven regulation governing the public sector such as the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, the EU Emissions Trading Scheme and the proposed Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme. Participation in the carbon management programme will put the Council in a position to meet these challenges and to stay ahead of the wave of regulatory pressures.

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 no later than midnight on Friday 16th July 2010.

Proper Officer
12 July 2010