

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEXT STEPS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN THEMES

Proud and Ambitious

Nottingham City Council believes that ‘cities are good for us’ and that they can and should be sustainable. We are proud of what we have achieved already:-

- in tackling the Council’s own CO₂ emissions
- in tackling CO₂ emissions within the wider community through our planning and transport policies
- in the success of the Nottingham Declaration in broadening and deepening the commitment of UK local government to climate change

We are ambitious to do more:-

- We will seek to become a carbon neutral organisation within ten years
- We will register as a City of Ambition in the European *Cities for Climate Protection* campaign
- We will engage many more local people and organisations in tackling climate change through our projects and partnerships

1. Choose Nottingham

We will exploit and demonstrate the economic benefits of climate protection by:

- Utilising Science City status and developing the links with Nottingham’s universities
- Working with the largest 20 local organisations to extend the impact of environmental management
- Nurturing the environmental economy in Nottingham to bring about jobs, training and opportunities through the application, research and development of sustainable design, construction and enviro-technologies

2. Respect for Nottingham

- Launch new *Respect for the Climate* pledging campaign
- Support new *Climate Heroes* project across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire
- Maintain profile and momentum of the Nottingham Declaration and seek to extend into other sectors (universities and NHS)

3. Transforming Neighbourhoods

We will also work at a local level on climate mitigation and adaptation by:

- Building more sustainable buildings ourselves (through a new policy) and influencing others through the planning system (through a new requirement for embedded renewable energy)
- Using the growing stock of sustainable buildings in Nottingham to inform, inspire and train people (particularly those involved in the planning and development process)
- Seeking to power new PFI funded street lighting from locally generated renewable energy
- Developing the first ever Zero Carbon Zone in an established community (funding permitted) – The O Zone in the Meadows
- Further extending kerbside recycling and looking into the possibility of large scale bio-mechanical treatment of household waste
- Improving the management, quality and accessibility of Green and Open Spaces through new strategies and resources
- Extending Nottingham in Bloom campaign into energy related activities – roof gardens (where feasible); plants for shading buildings; plants for bio-fuels
- Utilising ground water for non-potable uses to help lower the rising water table

4. Nottingham People

- Inform local people about the importance of thermal comfort and air quality (in the home) and health in both cold and hot weather
- Continue to tackle fuel poverty through energy efficiency measures and (where feasible) renewable energy installations
- Train workers for new jobs in enviro-technologies

5. Serving Nottingham Better

We will turn our commitment into action using our mainstream planning processes:

- Incorporating climate change into our 2006 - 2011 Corporate Plan, 2006 - 2009 Community Strategy and 2006/7 Local Area Agreement Refresh
- Incorporating environmental targets into Departmental Statements of Accountability and Service Plans from 2006/07 onwards
- Saving money on utility bills through environmental management
- Developing an environmental management system and gaining accreditation by 2009/10
- Monitoring and publicly reporting on the outcomes of our actions for climate protection, sustainable development and quality of life by March 2007
- Seeking to achieve 'carbon neutrality' for the Council (in a similar way to central Government departments) within 10 years, through a Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan.