

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Resources Policy, Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	14 May 2012
TITLE:	Carbon Management
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
NB There will be a presentation to update the panel on the Council's work programme on climate change and carbon reduction.	

1. INTRODUCTION TO SCOPE AND ISSUES

The presentation will include the following issues and provide members with up to date information about progress with this agenda.

- i. The Council has a key role to play in helping to deliver the Government's national carbon reduction targets. Carbon reduction is also important locally in terms of fuel poverty, energy resilience and future economic prosperity.
- ii. The Council has set out its district wide carbon reduction aims in the Sustainable Community Strategy 2011-2026 to make a 45% reduction by 2026, in line with the national target. This work is led by the Bath and North East Somerset Environmental Sustainability Partnership.
- iii. The Council also has a Carbon Management Programme with a reduction target of 30% by 2014 from its operational emissions from 2009. Since this plan was developed, the Council has recognised the significance of carbon emissions beyond direct operations, from the supply chain, ie via procurement and out-sourced services.
- iv. Bath & North East Somerset Council has been leading a major piece of research for the West of England, funded by Total Place, called the West of England Low Carbon Initiative. Key findings from this report show that most public sector organisations now realise that their supply chain emissions are a bigger issue than direct operational emissions and that leadership is a key issue for implementation.
- v. Bath & North East Somerset latest carbon emissions breakdown:

District wide: 940,000 tonnes/CO₂
Council: 26,500 tonnes/CO₂

Per Capita: 5.3 tonnes/CO₂
Plus supply chains: 71,000 tonnes/CO₂

2. RECOMMENDATION

For the panel to consider the issues and to provide input, particularly around leadership and prioritisation issues.

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Background papers	
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