

Review Title: **Climate Change**

Overview & Scrutiny Panel: **Planning, Transportation and Sustainability**

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**Process for Tracking O&S Recommendations - Guidance note for Executive Members**

The enclosed table lists all the recommendations arising from the above Overview & Scrutiny Review. Individual recommendations are referred to the relevant named Executive Members (or whole Executive in the case of a whole Executive referral) as listed in the '**Exec Member**' column of the table. In order to provide the O&S Panel with an Executive response on each recommendation, the named Executive member (or whole Executive) is asked to complete the last 3 columns of the table as follows:

**Decision Response**

The Executive has the following options:

- **Accept** the Panel's recommendation
- **Reject** the Panel's recommendation
- **Defer** a decision on the recommendation because a response cannot be given at this time. This could be because the recommendation needs to be considered in light of a future Executive decision, imminent legislation, relevant strategy development or budget considerations, etc.

**Implementation Date**

- For 'Accept' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be implemented.
- For 'Defer' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be reconsidered.
- For 'Reject' decisions this is not applicable so write n/a

**Rationale**

Use this space to explain the rationale for your decision response and implementation date. For accepted recommendations, please give details of how they will be implemented.

## Climate Change Review: Recommendations

Recommendation	Exec Member	Decision Response	Implementation Date	Rationale
<b>Corporate Commitment:</b> The Panel recommends...				
<p><b>R.1.</b> That a high level member/officer advisory group is established to take forward the recommendations that are accepted from this review. The group should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Comprise officers at Director or Assistant Director level</li> <li>o Meet quarterly and report back to O &amp; S on 6-monthly basis, updating on the progress that is being made taking forward the review's recommendations (3.2.4)</li> </ul>	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	June 2007	It will be necessary to wait until after the election to set up the member/officer board. In the meantime, Policy & Partnerships will develop the terms of reference for the group.
<p><b>R.2.</b> That Officer Champions are identified in each service area to endorse, support and raise the profile of measures aimed at delivering emissions reductions. Champions should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o receive the full support of senior staff and have delegated authority to carry out their role</li> <li>o receive appropriate training and support</li> <li>o report to the high-level member/officer advisory group (3.2.4)</li> </ul>	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	Already underway	On 30 January, the Assistant Directors' Group agreed a proposal from Policy & Partnerships to set up an Energy Champions Scheme. Assistant Directors have undertaken to nominate staff to take on this role and recruitment as begun. The goal is to achieve coverage across all Council buildings, to a ratio of approximately one champion per 50 staff. Champions will be given a one day training session by the Centre for Sustainable Energy, as part of the LSP wide energy efficiency project, Our Big Energy Challenge to deliver a 10% cut in energy use and carbon emissions by April 2009.

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<p><b>R.3.</b> To ensure that there is a legacy beyond the life of the Invest to Save Project (Our Big Energy Challenge), that energy efficiency best practice is embedded across the Council and adopted by all members of staff. Provision should be made within the Council's induction training to ensure that this best practice is adopted by new members of staff. (3.1.3)</p>	<p>Cllr Malcolm Hanney</p>	<p>Accept</p>		<p>Work currently in hand to which this can be easily added.</p>
<p><b>R.4.</b> That provision is made within the Council's Competency Framework and Performance Management Framework to take account of B&amp;NES commitment to deliver action on tackling climate change. (3.1.3)</p>	<p>Cllr Malcolm Hanney</p>	<p>Accept</p>		<p>The framework will need to be an 'organic' document that is capable of reflecting the Council's commitment &amp; priorities.</p>
<p><b>Corporate Targets:</b> The Panel recommends...</p>				
<p><b>R.5.</b> That the Council support the target that is endorsed by the Nottingham Declaration to achieve a 60% reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 (3.7.3)</p>	<p>Cllr Gerry Curran</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>From June 2007</p>	<p>The new member/officer advisory group will be asked to set carbon dioxide reduction targets at five year intervals from this year, with a view to reaching 60% by 2050.</p>
<p><b>R.6.</b> That the Council develops appropriate performance management indicators to monitor the</p>	<p>Cllr Gerry Curran</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>From June 2007</p>	<p>The new member/officer advisory group will be asked to recommend performance</p>

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implementation of its strategy to reduce carbon emissions. (3.7.3)				indicators linked to achievement of the carbon reduction targets set.
<b>Planning:</b> The Panel recommends...				
<b>R.7.</b> That a target is embedded within the Local Development Framework requiring that at least 15% of energy in new developments should come from a renewable source. (3.2.5)	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	June 2007 onwards	15% can be incorporated as an option in the development of the Core Strategy of the LDF.
<b>R.8.</b> That a strong sustainable construction policy is embedded in the Local Development Framework. (3.5.6)	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	June 2007 onwards	Strong sustainable construction policy can be an option in the Core Strategy of the LDF, possibly leading to an SPD in the future (subject to resources).
<b>R.9.</b> That all applicants and developers should be required to submit information detailing the level of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in their applications. (3.5.6)	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	June 2007 onwards	Assuming these policies are developed within the Core Strategy of the LDF, the Design & Access Statement, which is a requirement of the Development Control process, can be used to require the information. An SPD could be produced in the future, subject to resources.
<b>R.10.</b> That Sustainable Construction Guidance is developed to support the Council's policy that was agreed in December 2004. (3.5.6)	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	June 2007	Work is currently underway to produce a simple checklist, which could eventually be incorporated into an SPD, resources allowing, in the future.
<b>R.11.</b> That the Executive Member encourages closer working between Sustainability & Planning teams and members of Development Control Committees on training and development opportunities. (3.2.5)	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	Ongoing	Thought is now being given to improve liaison and communication.

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<p><b>R.12</b> That there is a review of conservation area and listed building planning policy to increase the uptake and installation of energy saving installations. (3.2.5)</p>	<p>Cllr Gerry Curran</p>	<p>Defer</p>	<p>June 2007</p>	<p>Heritage policies are lifted directly from legislation. However, the Historic Building team will be asked to produce guidance to show how energy saving installations can be incorporated within the historic environment.</p>
<p><b>R.13</b> That in the longer term, the Council creates the post of an Environmental Sustainability Officer to sit within Planning Services. (3.2.5)</p>	<p>Cllr Gerry Curran</p>	<p>Defer</p>	<p>Subject to future decision.</p>	<p>The Council would have to fund the creation of such a post, if it wished to do so.</p>
<p><b>Procurement:</b> The Panel recommends...</p>				
<p><b>R.14</b> That the Executive Member gives full support to the Procurement Steering Group and recognises that they have a role to play in helping to deliver the Council's climate change agenda. (3.2.3)</p>	<p>Cllr Malcolm Hanney</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>PSG needs to put in place resources to ensure that it is helping to deliver the climate change agenda through procurement across the Council.</p>
<p><b>Energy Services:</b> The Panel recommends:</p>				
<p><b>R.15 ESCO</b> - That work is undertaken to investigate the possibility of setting up an Energy Services Company (ESCO) and determine what they would be able to deliver so that the Council can meet its climate change objectives. (3.3.2)</p>	<p>Cllr Gerry Curran</p>	<p>Defer</p>	<p>December 2007</p>	<p>The new member/officer advisory group will need to consider, with advice from the Energy Management Team in Property Services, Sustainability Manager, who will be developing the Energy Action Plan, and looking at how other authorities have used this mechanism such as Woking and Southampton and make recommendations as to whether this or other mechanisms</p>

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				would be best for Bath and North East Somerset.
<p><b>R.16 Advice &amp; Education</b> - That work is progressed to establish a one-stop energy efficiency advice shop within the B&amp;NES area for local residents. (3.6)</p>	Cllr Gerry Curran	Defer	December 2007	The new member/officer advisory group will be asked to consider the feasibility of this recommendation and to consult with existing service providers such as Envolve and the Centre for Sustainable Energy.
<p><b>R.17 Renewables</b> - That where possible, opportunities for applying renewable technologies are always appraised to help deliver the Council's services - e.g. stand-alone lighting columns in rural areas. (3.5)</p>	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	Ongoing	The Energy Management Team and the Sustainability Manager have already been seeking opportunities and a proposal is being developed on how to convert the Guildhall to a biomass (carbon neutral boiler). Property Services have also received planning permission to install a small demonstration wind turbine at the Hollies. The Energy Management Team in Property Services and Sustainability in Policy and Partnerships will continue to seek out opportunities across services.
<p><b>R.18.</b> That Council owned buildings across the district are identified for the installation of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. (3.5)</p>	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	Ongoing	See Rec 17 rationale.
<p><b>Finance:</b> The Panel recommends:</p>				
<p><b>R.19.</b> That the officer/member advisory group give advice on the appropriate financial and service planning that is required in taking forward the recommendations that are accepted by the Executive. (3.5)</p>	Cllr Gerry Curran	Accept	June 2007	The new member/officer advisory board will be asked to consider this recommendation and make further detailed recommendations on what is required.

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<p><b>R.20.</b> That innovative finance options are explored to ring-fence the savings achieved through energy efficiency measures. These savings should be reinvested in further energy-efficiency projects with an element of `reward' money being allocated back to service areas that have contributed to delivering the savings. (3.5)</p>	<p>Cllr Malcolm Hanney</p>	<p>Disagree</p>		<p>Maximising energy efficiency savings is or should be a key objective for all areas of the Council and should not need 'reward' incentives for individual service areas - i.e. it is part of the day job of senior managers. To the extent that 'invest to save' schemes are established, savings will be used to repay the investment element on agreed timescales.</p> <p>The Council's current financial position (with a recurring budget deficit in excess of £1m that needs to be recovered by currently unidentified efficiency savings) requires that the efficiency savings are identified first before any ringfencing of elements thereof can be considered.</p> <p>Subject to the above and the Council operating within its budget and financial plan limits and individual services operating within their budget and financial plan limits, consideration can be given to appropriate ringfencing in due course. This will be a matter for the new Council.</p>