

## SCDC Climate Change Working Group: Work Programme Item – initiation sheet

**Item: Reviewing the South Cambridgeshire DC Climate Plan**

**Date: June 2007**

**Specific Task** (goal and methods clearly defined)

**Goal:**

→ To assess the level of effectiveness and achievement of the existing SCDC Climate Plan as the precursor to drawing up a revised version for 2007/8.

**Method:**

- i. List achievements and outcomes from the current plan against specified actions.
- ii. Review existing actions and supporting text against current policy and developments in relation to climate change (attitudes and positions have change quite considerably over the past 18-24 months)
- iii. Align existing actions with those contained within the 2007/8 Service Plans to identify levels of response that can be anticipated with existing Climate Plan for current year.

**Measurable** (numeric or specific tangible output parameters attached to task or objective)

This item is measurable against the following outputs:

- i. Record of current Plan actions which have:
  - been achieved;
  - are ongoing;
  - fallen short;
  - been overlooked.
- ii. Develop revised outline framework for new Plan incorporating existing, new or revised actions

**Achievable** (possible within the resources available or which could be made available)

- As far as possible tie all Climate Plan actions to existing Council Service Plans.
- New/revised actions should add value to service provision and be designed to pragmatically work with existing resources.
- Any actions outside of Service Plans would need to be realistically resourced – ideally working with private, public or community and voluntary sector partners,

**Relevant** (does it really matter? if so to whom and how much)

- Revised Climate Plan actions that are prioritised and tailored to directly relate and respond to public concerns and corporate objectives. Without this relevance they are unlikely to be fully achievable.
- Monitoring the Climate Plan is a commitment within the Nottingham Declaration to which SCDC is a signatory.

**Time-bound** (start and finish dates with milestones)

- Outline review report for consideration - June 07.
- Schedule for working through service areas and delivering revised plan - July 07
- Revised and updated 'living' Plan final draft December 07.

**Contribution in terms of:**

<b>Corporate objectives and priorities</b> (re. Performance Plan 2006)
Significant contribution to meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Objective 3: A sustainable future for South Cambridgeshire</li><li>● Priority 2: To achieve successful, sustainable new communities at Northstowe and other major new settlements.</li></ul>
<b>Demonstrating leadership</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● District Council demonstrating an active and comprehensive response to the climate change agenda – going beyond statutory requirements and a ‘fits where it touches’ approach.</li><li>● As a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration we are committed to showing leadership within this field.</li></ul>
<b>Encouraging behaviour change</b>
SCDC service provision infiltrates the life, directly or indirectly, of virtually South Cambs residents. Ensuring that this provision takes account of climate change will, either by design or default, encourage behaviour change.
<b>Efficiency savings</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Adaptation and mitigation measures will all lead to long term savings (some stretching over generations).</li><li>● In the short term many measures will save money and resources – e.g. cutting down on energy use, waste, transport costs etc.</li></ul>