

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

Item: Communicating Climate Change: Partnership Working with Parish Councils

Date: **June 2007**

Specific Task (goal and methods clearly defined)
<p>Goal:</p> <p>→ to ensure that SCDC is doing everything it practically can within the resources available to help Parish Councils in developing grass roots capacity to respond to the climate change agenda (both within and across parish boundaries).</p> <p>Method:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Define a realistic package of support to incentivise partnership working – helping to bridge any ward-parish-community-neighbourhood-individual gaps that might exist in furthering positive responses to climate change. Such a package could include advice and support on: energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, recycling, sustainable travel and local food production. ii. Pilot ‘package’ approach with two or three parishes – possibly with introductions/support from Working Group members. iii. Evaluate responses/outcomes. iv. If successful, roll out to other parishes
Measurable (numeric or specific tangible output parameters attached to task or objective)
<p>This item is measurable against the following outputs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of Parish Councils developing and/or implementing an active response to climate change agenda. ii. Level and extent of actions implemented
Achievable (possible within the resources available or which could be made available)
<p>Working alongside/with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local members; ● LSP officer on Parish Charters; ● Community Dev. Officer, Cambs ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) on Parish Plans; ● HECA Officer; ● Energy for Good.
Relevant (does it really matter? if so to whom and how much)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public concern over climate change; ● Parish councils may be looking for assistance on climate change lead; ● Should stand as integral element of Sustainable Community Strategy; ● LA responses to climate change likely to be important element in new Performance Framework; ● Should stand as key element in delivering Nottingham Declaration commitment. ● May present Local Area Agreement funding opportunities
Time-bound (start and finish dates with milestones)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shape climate change ‘package’ (energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, recycling,

sustainable travel, local food production) - June/July 07

- Select two or three pilot parishes – July '07
- Roll-out – August '07
- Evaluate – October '07

Contribution in terms of:

Corporate objectives and priorities (re. Performance Plan 2006)

Significant contribution to meeting:

- Objective 2: Quality village life
- Objective 3: A sustainable future for South Cambridgeshire
- Objective 4: A better future through partnership
- Priority 1: To improve customer service

Demonstrating leadership

Lending positive and structured assistance to parish councils

Encouraging behaviour change

Responsibility for helping to bridge any ward-parish-community-neighbourhood-individual gaps in furthering positive responses to climate change and promoting sustainable lifestyles.

Efficiency savings

Securing better value and return from existing resources through packaging ongoing activities and initiatives within the context of climate change/sustainability.