

**CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-being))**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its meeting on 9th June 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-being) considered a report by the Head of Environmental Management on the proposed adoption by the Council of a Carbon Management Plan. Item No. 10 of the Cabinet Agenda refers.

1.2 The views of the Panel are summarised below for consideration by the Cabinet.

2. DELIBERATIONS

2.1 The Panel welcomed the adoption of a Carbon Management Plan and complemented the officers concerned in preparing the document. Members were pleased that grants have been obtained and are continuing to be sought to assist in carrying out the schemes identified.

2.2 The Panel acknowledged the potential dilemma between conflicting interests whereby decisions by the Council and others could adversely affect the Council's carbon emissions. In that respect, Members suggested that the impact of actions on emissions could be made more explicit in the decision making process.

2.3 The Panel was informed that the Council's investment in more energy efficient office accommodation had been reflected in the progress achieved towards the target for emission reductions, although the effects could not be measured accurately until the new accommodation had been completed and energy consumption analysed. Members suggested that travel by Members on the Council's behalf should be included in the Green Travel Plan and travel to work statistics. Finally, it was not clear whether the savings forecast in the Carbon Reduction Plan had been incorporated into the budgetary forecast for future years which had been drawn up by the Head of Financial Services.

2.4 The Panel has indicated its intention to monitor performance towards achieving the targets set in the Plan as part of the performance monitoring process.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Cabinet is invited to consider the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) as part of its deliberations on the Carbon Management Plan.

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