

Appendix B(ii)

CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY

On 18th Jul 2005, CMT were asked to brainstorm in three groups what each Service was currently doing to address climate change, and then identify what further actions the Council could take. The following is a summary of the outcome of the session.

Group A

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY	CLIMATE CHANGE / FUEL POVERTY
CURRENT ACTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intranet used to publish leaflets • Intranet and Internet use by Members • BACS for payments • Electronic recruitment • Recycling (blue bins) • Council Tax Direct Debits • Reduced circulation of minutes and agendas • Shared vehicles • Disposal of electronic equipment • Sustainability criteria in capital projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service Team (access to services issues) • Visiting benefits clients • Electronic recruitment • Energy & water efficiency / HQ buildings / BUPI 180 • LPG dual vehicles • Half full kettles • Shared vehicles • Sustainable procurement of paper & wood • Paper from sustainable sources • Website promotes fuel efficiency • Telephone promotes fuel efficiency • Don't give highest rate of fuel reimbursement per mile to discourage large cc vehicles • Audio conferencing available
COULD DO	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video conferencing • Home working • Shared travel to work • All Members to receive material electronically • All publications on Internet • Fax remittance advices • No internal 'memos' • Dual side printers • More mobile technology (hand held) • Maximise 'e' communication with customers • Electronic submission of applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind turbine • Reduce heating by degrees

Group B

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY	CLIMATE CHANGE / FUEL POVERTY
CURRENT ACTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental leadership – promotion of good practice • Recycle print cartridges • Collection of used batteries • Waste oil • Code of practice for bottom scrubbing • Environmental code of conduct for use of craft both for wildlife and pollutants • Sewerage reception facility • Liaison with Environment Agency regarding flood events • Collection of anti fouling scrapings • Sustainable Development SPGs • Sustainable Appraisal(s) of Community Strategy and LDF • Strategic Environmental Assessment of LDF • EIA of Sherford • Facilitate South Hams Sustainability Forum (formerly South Hams A21 Group) • Published A21 Plan • Enabled increased 'e' working • Promoted community awareness through seminars / open days / events / publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREEM standards – industrial units at Totnes Depot • BREEM buildings • Purchase of 'green' electricity from renewable sources • Use of 'four stroke' engines • Investigation of environmentally friendly moorings • Environmental management system • Investigation of the use of LPGs to fuel vessels – promotion • Use of environmentally friendly cleaning fluids at Council's slipways and landings • Affordable housing meets good eco homes standard • Promote public transport through planning decisions e.g. Sherford • Promote green travel plans e.g. Langage • Use recycled paper • BACS / CHAPS payments 'e' based • Use e-mail wherever possible • Workflow system (new project) • Electronic housing benefit claim form (new project) • Flexible working – reduce travel at peak times • Replacement of heating plant with more efficient items when renewed • Flexible working / home working • Resource centre (Woolwell, Yealmpton) • Recycling afloat • Locally controlled heating systems & people sensors for lighting • Development of employment units in local communities thus reducing travel for employees • Changes to Building Team working arrangements to reduce duplication of travel arrangements • Policies to reduce travel • Meeting local needs locally • Input to Devon / Plymouth / Torbay LTPs • TA of Sherford • Promoting eco homes

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CURRENT ACTIONS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring BREEM standards • Participation in HGV study – transfer stations • Promotion of car sharing • Car Parking Charges Policy • Renewable Energy Policy • Recycle waste paper • Non flushing urinals

Group C

CURRENT ACTIONS (Composite of sustainability, Climate Change and Fuel Poverty)

- Promote energy efficiency measures at Senior Safety Days
- Service directly promotes uptake of domestic energy efficiency grants from third parties e.g. Heat Devon
- Business visited by Environmental Health Service encouraged to undertake sustainability audits with help of specialist third party advisors
- Second Homes Leasing Scheme – grant available for improving energy efficiency
- Affordable Homes Loans have a specific element for encouraging energy efficiency measures
- Use of gas for vans
- Use of china cups instead of vending cups
- Biodiversity / species protection
- Use of recycled paper
- Reuse of scrap paper
- Flowers in the office
- Via CO2 synthesis
- Green Tourism Business Scheme
- Business Accreditation (energy, waste efficiency measure CO2 etc)
- ‘Working the Woods’ Initiative / sustainable woodland management
- Wood fuel / heat projects
- Life into Landscape
- Habitat management
- Tree planting
- Contaminated land identified and remediated
- Home improvements works – loans available to aid energy efficiency measures e.g. condensing balers

COULD DO

- Recycling glass for highways
- Diversion of organic waste
- Reorganisation of waste collection rounds
- Recycling waste
- Recycling plastic sacks

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- Street delivering rounds geared to walking, no vans
- Low sulphur fuel
- Marine conservation
- Public awareness of climate change and Wembury Marine Centre
- Contributed to Devon Affordable Warmth Strategy
- Developing South Hams Fuel Poverty Strategy
- Promote travel plans with significant developments
- Ensure effective use of land within urban areas
 - High density
 - Brownfield redevelopment
 - Mixed use
- Accept residential development with minimal car parking
- Refuse development in open countryside unless accords with planning policy
- Transfer station
- Reduction in fuel costs
- Tree protection and woodland management
- Landscape / tree cover
- Hackney Carriage Fares set to encourage car / taxi sharing
- Mechanical sweeping