

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Head of Contract and Asset Management

**REPORT NUMBER:** **K18**

**TO:** STRATEGY COMMITTEE

**DATE OF MEETING:** 13 May 2010

### **CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report seeks a resolution to adopt the Babergh District Council Carbon Management Plan prepared in conjunction with the Carbon Trust

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Strategy Committee adopt the 5-year Carbon Management Plan as the guidance document for setting out the Council's actions in relation to climate change, and the reduction of its carbon emissions.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Provision has already been made in the Council's 3-year capital programme for several of the capital projects included within the Plan. Further provision will be made in future 3-year programmes. Other projects can be funded from the Council's existing capital and revenue budgets.

#### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Significant Business Risk No.9 – Management of Projects & Programmes.

- 4.2 Other key risks are set out below:

<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Seriousness or Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation Measures</b>
Not securing capital or revenue funding for each of the projects identified within the plan due to financial constraints	High	Critical	Create sound businesses cases for each project demonstrating cost and carbon savings. Raise awareness amongst Corporate Team and Members of climate change and carbon management, and the power of the programme.

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Lack of staff capacity to implement the Carbon Management Plan.	Low	Limited	Support for project managers from the Carbon Management Team. Projects programme embedded in the Council's 3-year capital programme.

## 5. **KEY INFORMATION**

- 5.1 In late 2008 the Council submitted an application for inclusion in the in the seventh phase of the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. The bid was successful, so the Council joined the Programme in April 2009.
- 5.2 The objective of the Programme is for Local Authorities to be able to produce a 5-year Carbon Management Plan. The production of the Plan is somewhat prescriptive in that it has to be prepared in accordance with the Carbon Trust's guidance, but it is recognised as an accomplished Government endorsed programme.
- 5.3 The Programme provides Local Authorities with the support and guidance required to develop a sound carbon management strategy and achieve a real reduction in emissions. The Programme provides technical and change management support over the course of the year when the Plan is being produced delivered via a proven five step structure.
- 5.4 The Council's 3-year Medium Term Plan includes the following outcomes in relation to carbon management:
- Reduce the carbon foot print of Babergh's selected estate by 30% (over a 2007/8 baseline). Note - The estate includes the Kingfisher Leisure Centre and Hadleigh Pool, which are major consumers of energy.
  - Reduce the carbon footprint of the District
  - Work with partners across Suffolk to develop a climate change Adaptation Action Plan (a Level 3 requirement of NI 188)
  - Ensure adoption of policies within the Local Development Framework to enhance, enable and improve climate change mitigation and adaptation measures relating to future development (new build and existing).
- 5.5 Babergh's Carbon Management Plan has been designed to deliver against these outcomes. The Plan is included as Appendix A to this report.
- 5.6 One of the outcomes is the commitment to reduce the CO2 emissions from its service provision activities by 30% against a 2007/8 baseline by December 2015. The Plan ensures that measures are in place to monitor and measure progress against the target, and has placed the target within a foreseeable timeframe.

