

## **MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

### **REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

**COMMITTEE:** Communities and Neighbourhoods

**DATE:** 17th July 2007

**SUBJECT:** Climate Change Plan: Member Contribution

**REPORT OF:** Strategic Director, Neighbourhood Services

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Members on the opportunities to comment on the Climate Change Plan.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members note the report.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REVENUE BUDGET**

No immediate consequences.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET**

No immediate consequences

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#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Reports to the Executive Committee

- Impact of Major Reviews (including Stern) March 2007

Reports to the Physical Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Preparing for Climate Change December 2006

- Consultation Update March 2007

- Energy White Paper and Climate Change Briefing Notes June 2007

#### **WARDS AFFECTED**

All

#### **IMPLICATIONS FOR KEY COUNCIL POLICIES**

<b>Anti Poverty</b>	<b>Equal Opportunities</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>Employment</b>
Yes	No	Yes	Yes

## **1 Background**

The production of a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan was included as a key work area in the 07/08 Environmental Services Business Plan.

The Plan will:

- Identify the challenges, opportunities and policy drivers facing Manchester;
- Map existing action and its impact;
- Identify priorities for further action;
- Secure commitment to specific action across Manchester and with key stakeholders.

We aim to have the Plan in place by December 2007. The timing of this is to ensure that key policy drivers currently under development are taken account of in the plan. However, this risks missing the business planning cycle, so a first draft will be available in September including key objectives that can be used to establish budgets and priorities. The Green City Team will monitor and report on progress in business plans to embed the draft strategy.

## **2 Operational Arrangements**

Research and consultancy support in ensuring application of the latest scientific understanding of climate change, and preparing appropriate targets is being undertaken by the Tyndall Centre, Manchester, and should be completed by the end of September 2007. Work to establish a 1990 baseline for Manchester's climate change emissions, and to establish a more localised understanding of emission sources is being undertaken by the EMIGMA team and should be completed by July 2007. The Scorchio and Ascue projects (climate modelling and technical planning projects being delivered by the Hadley Centre and Manchester Universities) are providing key information on adaptation challenges. Work on economic opportunities will be informed by the ongoing revisions to the GM Economic Plan.

A Writing Group has been formed consisting of officers from across Council Services and representatives from key stakeholders, including Universities, Research Institutes other public sector agencies and businesses. A number of more general consultation events and meetings with specific key stakeholders have also been held, and this will increase over the summer period. Progress in producing a robust document has been delayed due to the need for updates to reflect the rapidly developing policy agenda on climate change, and delays in the provision of core data at regional and national level that is needed to inform the identification of priorities. Significant policy developments we aim to take into account include the release of the Climate Change Bill in March 2007, Energy White Paper and IPPC Report in May 2007, implications of the G8 and UN Security Council reports, as well as the findings of the EMIGMA and NWRA work in establishing emissions baselines.

## **3 Development Activities to date:**

Dec 2006: Scrutiny Report outlining the challenge and proposing a Plan

Feb 2007: Executive Report on Major Government Reviews featuring Stern review and intention to write Strategy  
Commenced meetings with key stakeholders, detailed research and scoping of key issues and Policy drivers, and study of others' strategies.

March 2007: Presentation to Members on Climate Change and Impact of Stern  
Scrutiny briefing on proposed implementation framework for Plan  
Kick off meeting for writing group (then monthly)

April 2007: Summary Report to Sustainable Neighbourhoods Partnership

May 2007: ½ day consultation at the Green City Network Conference  
Full day event for third Sector (Manchester climate forum)

#### **4 Member Contribution to the Plan**

The attached plan shows key consultation stages in the development of the Plan. While Members are welcome at any time to contribute to its development via use of the web-forum or direct contact with the team, there are also some specific opportunities for consultation and contribution.

A workshop for members will be held later in the year to scrutinise the working document and give detailed feedback on its content. Members can also, if desired, be included in a mailing list to receive and comment on work in progress versions at key stages in its development.

Members may also wish to take the opportunity to contribute directly to the development of key UK climate change legislation, including the Carbon Reduction Commitment, a mandatory emissions 'cap and trade' scheme that will affect the Council and other larger organisations across the City. Manchester is hosting DEFRA's briefing and consultation event at Manchester City Stadium on 19<sup>th</sup> July, and you can register for a place by emailing [\*\*ruth.m.whittington@defra.gsi.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:ruth.m.whittington@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

## Annex 1 Manchester Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan Communications

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Required Output</b>
Monthly	Writing group meeting	Get together core officers plus key external partners for further input
Ongoing	Develop Plan priorities and reflect them in major consultation responses	Around 30 climate linked consultations between now and December 2007
20 <sup>th</sup> June (WC) CNFM tbc	Ward co-ordinators and CNFM briefing	All WCs and key CNFW briefed on Plan development and asked to table at their meetings
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	NWRA Emissions briefing	Attend briefing on NWRA's progress in identifying regional priorities
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Climate change campaigns workshop	Workshop with campaigns, waste, Env H and transport to draw out and detail key communication activities for Jul, Aug and Sep
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Communication Plan to Scrutiny	Help Scrutiny understand opportunities to influence and contribute to Plan content
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Carbon Reduction Commitment Consultation	A large consultation on a potential mandatory cap and trade scheme for local authorities
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with DEFRA	Meeting to determine key issues and identify direction likely to be taken in Climate Change Bill
End July	Release of consultation version	Consultation version available online and in key council outlets. Sent to SNP, members, key officers, link sent to mailing lists feature on intranet
During July and August	Sectoral Focus Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning and built environment</li> <li>2. Health and well-being</li> <li>3. Energy and resources (utilities infrastructure)</li> <li>4. Transport</li> <li>5. Biodiversity and natural environment</li> <li>6. Business and employment</li> <li>7. Waste</li> <li>8. Financial</li> <li>9. Impact on MCC</li> </ol>
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Key issues discussed at SNP	Ensure SNP and Economy and Skills Partnerships are aware of implications of Climate Change on Manchester, and supportive of Plan development processes
End July	Climate Change Roadshow – Business	Develop suggested action plan inclusions in Strategy and Plan
August	Climate Change Roadshow – Family	Develop suggested action plan inclusions in Strategy and Plan
Early September	1 <sup>st</sup> Draft and Objectives Overview	Use draft to embed objectives into business planning and budget setting processes
September	Climate Change Roadshow – Student	Develop suggested action plan inclusions in Strategy and Plan

September	Climate Change Roadshow – Research	To test the suggested science and targets output in the strategy and plan with key research stakeholders
September	Key stakeholder 1:1s	A series of 1:1 meetings to agree the specific commitments by them to feature in the plan
September/ October	Member workshop sessions using working draft version following summer consultation	Raise awareness of impacts of Climate Change on council and wider community and provide opportunity to feed into consultation process.
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Working version presented to SNP for further input and to PSB / SMT/Other	Produce separate papers that are relevant to each audience explaining the challenges and implications of adopting the draft version to garner views and input
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	C&N scrutiny release	Update on community consultation and action plan development
November 13	C&N scrutiny release Economy & Skills Scrutiny	Scrutiny of final draft strategy and action plan
December 19	Executive	Approval of final draft strategy and action plan
December	Production of Plan	Proofing and publishing
End 07 / start 08	Official launch of Strategy and Action Plan	High profile launch linked to announcement of key action plan projects