

Agenda Item

Executive Board

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Draft Carbon Management Plan 2009-2014

Summary

The draft Carbon Management Plan (CMP) 2009-2014 quantifies the carbon footprint of EDDC's activities at two levels of scope: scope 1 covers areas of activity in which carbon reduction would result in relative financial savings to EDDC and scope 2 covers areas of activity where carbon reduction measures would result in relative financial savings to either Council house tenants, staff or Leisure East Devon. The CMP states EDDC's target for reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2014 and identifies potential projects which could contribute towards that target. Some of the early projects are experimental in nature and it is envisaged that the CMP will be revised at its annual review in the light of experience and outcomes. The CMP is a working document that will evolve over its lifetime.

The biggest saving in carbon dioxide is likely to be found by undertaking measures to the existing housing stock. The funding implications of such measures have not been costed but they are likely to be significant costs. This will depend in a large part on the likely level of Government funding that will be made available. This changing picture is difficult to predict but it is clear where investment is required this will need to be identified in the Home and Community Agency's Single Conversation Investment Plan. Therefore the Carbon Management Plan will be used to inform the delivery plan that will comprise East Devon's Investment Plan both in terms of the Growth Point and the rest of East Devon.

Recommendation

That members approve the Carbon Management Plan that aims to achieve a 27% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2014 from the 2007/08 baseline and that the financial implications of meeting the reduction be fed into the Council's short to medium term financial plan and the Homes and Community Agency's Single Conversation Investment Plan for the East Devon area.

a) Reasons for Recommendation

Participation in Carbon Trust's Carbon Management Programme was approved by Council and the outcome of this is the Carbon Management Plan.

b) Alternative Options

1. A fully costed action plan to achieve a 27% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions that is put into the Council's short and medium term financial plan and is wholly reliant on EDDC funding;
2. The 27% reduction is used as a statement of ambition and as a vehicle to secure funding from national programmes to assist EDDC's carbon reduction;
3. A management plan that aims at a target that is affordable today that consequently secures a far more modest reduction in carbon dioxide.

The target reduction in the above options could be set at a higher or lower level.

c) Risk Considerations

Lack of dedicated resources could lead to modest progress in achieving savings.

d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

Participation in Carbon Trust's Carbon Management Programme is a specified action in the Climate Change Strategy. There is no specific budget currently identified to fund initiatives. Detailed consultation undertaken with Overview Committee and Housing Review Board.

e) Date for Review of Decision

Legal Implications

There are no legal issues requiring comment on this report.

Financial Implications

Members should note the financial implications of achieving a 27% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions have not been costed or built into the short to medium term financial plan. Individual projects contained within the Carbon Management Plan will undergo normal authorisation procedures.

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