

**LEICESTERSHIRE TOGETHER (LOCAL STRATEGIC  
PARTNERSHIP) BOARD**

**Monday 3rd September 2007**

**CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION**

**Report of ENABLE**

**Purpose of the report**

1. To report the results of consultation on the Draft Climate Change Action Plan and to seek:
  - a) approval of the Action Plan (attached as Appendix 1), with amendments, following the consultation
  - b) agreement to a request to all partners of the Board to consider signing the attached Leicestershire Together Climate Change declaration; and
  - c) to consider resource requirements for raising public awareness.

**Background**

2. The Board approved the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for consultation within the Leicestershire Together partnership on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The consultation period ran from 20th June 2007 to 30th July 2007.

**Summary of Consultation Comments**

3. All the partners that responded to the consultation welcomed and supported both the Leicestershire Together Declaration and the CCAP, apart from Melton Borough Council, which sees little value in adopting them from their perspective as is evident from following quotes:

*“You may be aware that Melton Borough Council is a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration and has prepared a Melton Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan on behalf of the MCP (Melton Community partnership). In this context the Melton Environmental Partnership could see little value in a Leicestershire Together Declaration on Climate Change nor the proposed Climate Change Action Plan.”*

*“Not all members of the Partnership believe that Climate Change is happening because of our own actions, but this is not to say that partnership does not recognise that climate change poses a genuine threat to our planet.”*

## **Proposed Changes as a Result of Consultation**

4. As a result of the comments received it is proposed that the Advice Directory is amended in the following ways:
  - The suggestion to eat less meat has been amended with 'eat responsibly' with relevant references to the websites of Compassion in World Farming Trust (CIWF), Conscious Choice and the Vegetarian Society;
  - A variety of amendments have been made that provide more cost comparisons to encourage actions that are cost effective for the individual as well as environmentally friendly.
  - The promotion of walking and cycling has been reinforced with evidence from the Department for Transport on cost/benefits of being health active for 30 minutes a day.
  - The Advice Directory now includes a section on support and finance for organisations.
  - An additional action is included that encourages employees to ask their employers to prepare Green Travel Plans;
  - Encourage travel by electric trains rather than cars and planes under Travel & Holidays;
  - The incorporation of further advice sources such as National TravelWise Association, Flight Pledge, Tip the Planet, and Business Climate Champion Programme;

## **Next Steps**

5. An integral part of the CCAP is the need to raise awareness of actions that individuals and organisations can take to reduce carbon emissions. This can be achieved through a range of the following actions:
  - Leaflet (for targeted distribution);
  - Flyer (for wider distribution);
  - Resource CD;
  - Visits to establishments to give advice;
  - Advertisements on radio and TV;
  - Guidance webpage; and
  - Promotional events to bring behavioural and attitudinal changes.
6. Whilst Enable will be able to prepare flyers and attend some events, its current resources do not extend to the other actions. It is suggested that such actions should be considered within the preparation of the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA2.

## **Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Board:**

- a) approves the Climate Change Action Plan (attached as Appendix 1);**
- b) requests all partners of the Board to consider signing the attached Leicestershire Together Climate Change Declaration; and**
- c) considers the resource requirements for the awareness campaign in the context of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the next Local Area Agreement.**

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