



Statement of Progress: September 2010

Derby Declaration on Climate Change

Derby City Council adopted the [Derby Declaration](#) in March 2006.

Since then, we have undertaken the following in response to the voluntary commitments we made to help tackle the causes and consequences of climate change:

1. Getting our own house in order

- ⊕ Producing a Climate Change Strategy with the aim of reducing our carbon footprint by 10,181 tonnes over a 4 year timescale by 2013/14.
- ⊕ Reducing our carbon dioxide emissions by 8% from 40,725 tonnes (2008/09) to 37,344 tonnes (2009/10)
- ⊕ Signing up to the 10:10 Campaign, a national Climate Change campaign, to further reduce our emissions by 10% during 2010.
- ⊕ Specific actions we have taken to reduce our corporate carbon footprint include:
 - Implementing voltage optimisers on key sites to reduce the voltage supplied to our buildings which will reduce our energy consumption and consequently our carbon emissions.
 - Implementing low energy light fittings in some buildings.
 - Replacing old, inefficient boilers in some buildings
 - Using part biodiesel in our van fleet and providing eco driving lessons to our fleet drivers
 - Producing an environmental risk handbook as a guide to procure better contracts, services and consumables to increase efficiencies and reduce carbon emissions

Our next steps are to develop a programme of energy saving projects:

- ⊕ Using hydro power to generate electricity for the Council House and we now have planning permission for the Longbridge Weir scheme
- ⊕ Aiming for BREEAM excellent standard for all new schools and BREEAM good for refurbished projects



- ⊕ Installing intelligent metering across the majority of our buildings to better manage consumption by obtaining real-time information on energy.

2. Making our services more climate friendly and resilient

- ⊕ We have a group of dedicated Climate Champions who help develop and run staff awareness campaigns across our main buildings.
- ⊕ We have organised several energy roadshows to increase staff awareness about climate change.
- ⊕ We have developed a toolkit to help Directors and Heads of Service raise departmental awareness of climate change and use this when developing their own business objectives
- ⊕ We have assessed the risks of future climate change to our key services and we are developing an Adaptation Action Plan which will set out how we will address priority risks and reduce our vulnerability to climate change.
- ⊕ We are already working with Emergency Services and other partner organisations to encourage a more climate resilient city and have shared our findings with the Resilience Forum.

3. Providing civic leadership on climate change to the wider community

- ⊕ With our Local Strategic Partnership, Derby City Partnership, we have made climate change one of our key priorities in the Local Area Agreement and will continue to raise the profile of this issue with the imminent review of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- ⊕ We have established a city-wide Climate Change Partnership to coordinate our efforts with other local organisations to help us achieve our reduction targets across the city.

Specific actions we have taken include:

- ⊕ Encouraging car sharing through 'Car Share Derby'
- ⊕ Improving the accessibility of bus services by increasing the number of low floor access buses.
- ⊕ Providing energy efficiency grants to small businesses



- ⊕ Providing energy advice to schools and regularly carrying out energy audits to monitor schools' energy consumption
- ⊕ Organising local climate change seminars for the community
- ⊕ Running a city-wide campaign on Climate Change with the Derby Telegraph
- ⊕ Organising Eco-Fest – a two day environmental festival that attracts approximately 5000 people.

4. Making it easier and cheaper for residents to do their bit for climate change

Specific actions we have taken include:

- ⊕ Providing energy advice to people on how to improve energy efficiency of their homes through the Home Energy Advice Service
- ⊕ Organising 'Cycle Derby' events to encourage cycling and walking
- ⊕ Loaning out electricity monitors through our libraries to help people monitor their energy consumption
- ⊕ Running the Warm and Well in Derby project which provides in depth home energy advice and support to vulnerable people aged 65 and over.

5. Working with others to make a bigger difference

To share best practice and help us achieve our carbon reduction targets, we work closely with other councils in the East midlands through:

- ⊕ The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authorities' Energy Partnership
- ⊕ The East Midlands Regional Climate Change Partnership
- ⊕ The East Midlands Carbon Action Network
- ⊕ The National Energy Action Fuel Poverty Forum
- ⊕ The City - wide Climate Change Group

For further details, see www.derby.gov.uk/climatechange

Signed by:

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