

Examples of Local Government Action in Response to Climate Change

National target 20% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, 60% by 2050

The examples below have been taken from local authorities who have signed up to the Nottingham Declaration and have already produced climate change strategies.

Target Area	Authority	Objectives and Targets	In-House	External
<p>In-House - are policies and action which the local authority can implement directly themselves on their own services and infrastructure. Examples include the heating systems within Council owned and run buildings or their procurement procedures.</p> <p>External – local authority policies promoting action by individuals and organisations either independently or in partnership with the local authority.</p>				
Energy	Woking	Maintain Home Energy Conservation Act target of 30% improvement in energy efficiency	Yes	Yes
	Woking	Establish Fuel Poverty Strategy and identify measures by 2010/11		Yes
	Camden	Improve energy efficiency by 1.5% per year, use renewable electricity for Council managed buildings	Yes	
	Merton	10% energy from renewables for Council buildings	Yes	
	Merton	Reduce CO ₂ from council buildings	Yes	
	Merton	Introduce City Knowledge – environmental Geographical Information System	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Energy Action Programme – across Councils building stock	Yes	
	Barking and Dagenham	Encourage community heating, consider public buildings as base-load anchor for community heating networks	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Develop Energy Action Area (in Barking Town Centre)	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Promote energy efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy sources	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Towards Zero Fossil Fuels – policy	Yes	Yes
Transport	Barking and Dagenham	Support reduction in growth of traffic targets & Objectives in Mayors Transport Strategy	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Improve access and integration of public transport.	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Improve road conditions and facilities for cyclists and pedestrians through planning powers	Yes	
	Woking	Promote: low carbon use vehicles, use of and provision of alternative fuels	Yes	Yes
	Woking	Revise Councils staff travel plans: inc fleet vehicles	Yes	
	Woking	Set improved standards for taxi and private hire incorporating a low carbon strategy	Yes	Yes
	Camden	Adopt: Green Transport; Parking, Public Transport Cycling and Walking - Strategies	Yes	
	Camden	Reduce staff and fleet traffic by 15% by 2011	Yes	
	Camden	Extend staff travel plan	Yes	
	Camden	Review parking, improve public transport, Clear Zones and traffic restraint measures, car free housing, School Travel Plans, City Car Club, cleaner fuel vehicles	Yes	Yes
	Merton	Extend sustainable travel options across borough	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Increase the percentage of staff (non-school) not driving to work from a baseline of 26% in 1999 to 35% by March 2005	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Towards Sustainable Transport strategy	Yes	Yes

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	Sutton	Travel Plans, for employees, schools	Yes	Yes
Waste	Woking	Promote waste minimisation, integrate to reduce waste to landfill	Yes	Yes
	Camden	More recycling – 33% by 2006	Yes	Yes
	Merton	Recycle 33% of household waste by 2013, compost 67% of biodegradable household waste by 2015	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Towards Zero Waste	Yes	Yes
Procurement	Woking	Procurement Strategy to reduce CO ₂ contribution by 20%	Yes	
	Sutton	Promote Greener procurement policies	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Purchase 100% electricity from sustainable sources (not nuclear)	Yes	
	Woking	Purchase electrical energy from renewable source for street lighting: 100% by 2010	Yes	
Open Space and Natural Habitats	Woking	Implement Climate Neutral Guidance: to reduce dependence on irrigation in open spaces, use renewable power for water features, use storm water for irrigation	Yes	
	Woking	Plant low water use trees (preferably native species)	Yes	
	Woking	Adopt use of SUDS (sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes)	Yes	
	Camden	Reduce water usage	Yes	
	Sutton	Protect and enhance biodiversity and nature conservation	Yes	Yes
Planning and Development (including development control policies)	Barking and Dagenham	Working in partnership to have at least one showcase zero carbon large mixed use development	Yes	
	Woking	Introduce local award scheme to recognise sustainable development schemes	Yes	Yes
	Camden	Integrate Climate Change policies into UDP and local development frameworks, green buildings guide	Yes	
	Sutton	Incorporation of sustainable design and construction principles in the Core Strategy of new Local Development Framework	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Increase use of CHP in new buildings	Yes	Yes
	Woking	Work with Environment Agency to develop and adopt suitable development strategies for flood plains	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Encourage CHP in new industrial development through planning powers		Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Increase business efficiency across borough – sustainable Industrial Business Park	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Increase business efficiency across borough – showcase low carbon commercial building by 2010	Yes	Yes
	Merton	Introduce carbon reduction planning and development policies	Yes	Yes
	Merton	Planning policy for 10% renewables for new development	Yes	Yes
	Merton	Sign up to: Nottingham Protocol; National Society for Clean Air; Climate Protection programme (International Council for Environmental Initiatives)	Yes	
	Woking	Produce Climate Neutral Practice Note	Yes	Yes
	Barking and Dagenham	Set 'carbon targets' for key regeneration sites	Yes	
General Policy, Education and	Woking	Adopt Climate Change Strategy – secure funding for implementation	Yes	
	Woking	Adopt CO ₂ reduction targets (10% of 1990 level by 2090 in steps of 10% up to 2050 and 5% from 2050 to 2090)	Yes	

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Promotion	Woking	Adopt concept of environmental footprint (1990 base)	Yes	
	Woking	Declaring Council Climate Neutral	Yes	
	Woking	Set up a Climate Change Fund	Yes	Yes
	Woking	Add to Energy Matters schools climate change education programme	Yes	
	Woking	Sign Nottingham Declaration	Yes	
	Woking	Join South East Climate Change Partnership	Yes	
	Camden	Introduce Pledge Scheme	Yes	Yes
	Merton	CO ₂ reduction strategy: Cut CO ₂ by 15% by 2015	Yes	
	Merton	Borough-wide sustainable infrastructure scheme	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Eco-Management and Audit Scheme introduced 2000 (EMAS)	Yes	
	Sutton	Engage residents in environmental sustainability – citizens charter, education and training	Yes	Yes
	Sutton	Identify and implement innovative ways of greening local businesses – feasibility study; training; renewable energy use in new buildings advice; work with others on sustainable environmental projects	Yes	Yes