



Budget Scrutiny scoping report

CO2 emissions reduction across Council services, Carbon Management & Sustainability, October 2011

Introduction by Chair of Budget Panel

“Haringey has a high-level stated aim to reduce CO2 emissions in the borough by 40% by 2020. The Budget Scrutiny Panel has selected this overarching theme in order to examine how Haringey will ensure that this ambition is embedded in all aspects of the Council’s activities and outcomes and that it provides appropriate leadership and support to the wider residential and business communities.”

Panel date: Thursday 3rd November, 6.30-9pm, Civic Centre
Papers to be submitted for despatch by noon 31st October
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Introduction

Carbon reduction is embedded across a number of services in the Council and encompasses a wide range of work from feasibility and design to demonstration projects, enforcement of planning policies, energy efficiency improvement programmes, renewable energy, sustainable transport infrastructure and behaviour change. Many of these programmes are funded for the primary purpose of cost savings or wider social benefit (e.g. fuel poverty alleviation, relieving congestion) although they also contribute to the Council’s CO2 reduction ambitions.

In January 2011 the Council produced its first **Annual Carbon Report** to full Council in order to increase transparency of progress being made to achieve the Council’s corporate and borough wide CO2 reduction targets (40% by 2015 and 40% by 2020, respectively). The report details all current CO2 reduction initiatives across the Council including information on the costs of measures and CO2 savings/or other performance indicators where appropriate. The Council has committed to providing a “carbon budget” for the 2010/11 report setting out the costs and projected impact of delivering the borough wide 40:20 Action Plan (due to be completed at the end of 2011/12).

The suggested scope of the budget scrutiny report is as outlined below. Within each service area details of CO2 savings (or other performance indicator), costs (e.g. core funded salaries, capital costs), cost savings or revenue generated will be provided.



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1. National and Policy Context

An overview of the policy context will be outlined.

2. Corporate CO2 emissions

Corporate procurement

- The Councils Corporate Carbon Management Plan was launched is supported by two revolving Sustainable Investment Funds. The following information can be provided for 2010/2011

Energy projects	Site	Date installed	CO2 savings tonnes p/a	Capex £	Cost savings £

- Estimated expenditure for the Sustainable Investment Funds for 2011/2012, 2012/2013
- In autumn 2011 a third fund has been set up to invest in solar photovoltaic arrays on Council owned buildings. Estimated expenditure and cost savings can be provided for 2011/2012.

Corporate property

- Property disposal/rationalisation: this will clearly result in the reduction of CO2 emissions as emissions un-lit, un-heated etc. An estimate of this reduced CO2 load is requested.

3. Borough wide CO2 emissions

Environmental Resources Team

- Details of grant funded projects (e.g. cost avoidance to the Council)
 - Local Carbon Framework Pilot (range of feasibility studies to support development of 40:20 Action Plan)
 - Carbon Commission (external expert panel to support 40:20 Action Plan development)
 - Haringey 40:20 (membership organisation supporting action on climate change)
 - Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone
 - Green Light North London (support to SME businesses)
 - Broadwater Farm Decentralised Energy scheme
 - 40:20 Community Fund (revenue generated for voluntary led projects)
- Low Carbon Loan Scheme (Council funded to support Low Carbon Zone – revenue generation).
- Future investment opportunities associated with the 40:20 Action Plan.

Homes for Haringey

- Improved warmth and comfort for residents of the Council's housing stock



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- New Energy Strategy including Decent Homes energy savings (for example from flat to pitched roof conversions)

Planning Policy and Development Management

- Sustainable Design and Construction Guidance and Core Strategy CO2 reduction targets

North London Strategic Alliance

- Decentralised Energy Network – Upper Lee Valley

Single Front Line services and Carbon Management & Sustainability

- Sustainable Transport Implementation Plan - behaviour change and infrastructure
- Veolia waste contract
- North London Waste Authority obligations

Fuel poverty officer

- Delivery of Council's Affordable Warmth Strategy
- Grant funded projects
 - Warm Front take up (grant) 2010/2011
 - RE:NEW grant funded area based housing retrofit scheme

Cultural Services

- Library events
- Library energy monitor loan scheme

Building Schools for the Future (now completed)

- BREAM standards

Communications

- Haringey People articles and press releases