

Report for:	COUNCIL 19 NOVEMBER 2012	ltem number
Title:	Second Annual Carbon Report	
Report authorised by :	Lyn Garner, Director of Place & Sustainability	
Lead Officer:	Jessica Sherlock, Policy & Projects Manager, Environmental Resources	

Ward(s) affected:	Report for Key/Non Key Decision:
All	Non Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration

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- The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Council's carbon reduction activity and carbon footprint as part of a transparent framework for reporting on progress to reach the Council's carbon targets. The report also includes the 40:20 Action Plan and Carbon Commission Report, setting the direction of future activity.
- The report relates to Council priorities including the regeneration of Tottenham and economic development. The report also relates to the commitment that has been made to reduce carbon emissions by 40% by 2020 on a 2005 baseline and the Council Plan Priority to develop an action plan to achieve this target.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

Please see foreword of report



3. Recommendations

- The report makes transparent the progress that is being made by the Council and other organisations, in order to support work towards a 40% reduction target by 2020 and associated local economic benefits of this activity.
- It is recommended that Council discuss and debate the issues raised by this report and that Councillors provide their full support to implementing the recommendations of the Carbon Commission and 40:20 Action Plan.
- The recommendation is made on the basis that the wide ranging benefits of action on climate change hit all of the Council's key priorities, such as jobs and training, health and well being, in addition to environmental considerations

4. Background Information

- A Carbon Management Plan covering the Council's operations was agreed in 2010 and sets out an ambitious plan to deliver a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2015; ahead of the community wide target, demonstrating leadership by example and providing a benchmark for other organisations in the borough.
- This report makes clear the carbon emissions baseline for Haringey and provides a transparent framework for reporting on progress towards attaining the carbon target. The report also explains the next steps being taken to implement the recommendations from the Carbon Commission.

5. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Implications

- The costs of producing this report have been met from within existing budgets.
- The recommendations of the Carbon Commission can either be progressed from existing budgets or will be subject to a business case being approved by Cabinet if further funding is required.
- Reducing the Councils own Carbon emissions and energy costs provides direct savings to the Council in avoided energy costs. Work across the wider borough has the potential to provide savings for residents and businesses and contribute to Council priorities relating to Regeneration, Jobs, Housing and Fuel Poverty.

6. Head of Legal Services and Legal Implications

- The Head of Legal Services notes the content of the report and advises that there are no specific legal implications at this stage.
- The Head of Legal Services should be kept updated and legal advice sought on each of the initiatives as they progress.

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

• There is no exempt information associated with this report.



- 7. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments
- Climate change is an issue that affects all people living and working in Haringey and is likely to have a disproportionately high impact on the poorest and most vulnerable in our community. Managing carbon emissions and limiting climate change is therefore not only a matter of environmental stewardship but also supports Haringey's commitment to equalities and community cohesion.
- Haringey 40:20 is a membership organisation open to all residents, voluntary groups, businesses and organisations in Haringey who are committed to tackling climate change.