


**Haringey Council**

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Full Council 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Third Annual Carbon Report</b>
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<b>Ward(s) affected: All</b>	<b>Report for Non key Decision</b>
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**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

The Annual Carbon Report aims to provide a transparent year on year account of progress made to reduce carbon emissions from the Council's operations and Haringey as a whole. The report includes:

- An explanation of official carbon emissions data and the changes for each sector released in 2013, and relating to the year 2011.
- An overview of the results of key programmes being led by the Council and other collaborative initiatives to address CO2 emissions. These follow the publication of the Carbon Commission Report Action Plan agreed (see Appendix 1) and cover the financial year 2012-2013.
- Next steps and priorities for the future.

The report outlines the results of key programmes over the past year and key challenges and priorities for the future, in particular, this includes: 1) developing partnerships with the Higher Education sector to support research and innovation that will drive the new economy (to be formally launched in January 2014), 2) delivery of



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major grant funded programmes providing support to over 400 households in the borough and outreach to 1600 residents with advice on reducing fuel costs, and 3) the development of plans for an ambitious heat network infrastructure and local energy company, that has the opportunity to be implemented as part of major regeneration plans for Tottenham.

The report provides a summary of data illustrating that to date a 21per cent CO2 reduction has been achieved for the Council's operations, equivalent to taking 2,000 cars off the road. In addition, a 16 per cent reduction can be seen from across the borough as a whole from the baseline year 2005, compared to an average decrease for London boroughs of 14.2 per cent and a decrease for the UK as a whole of 17.3 per cent.

## **2. Cabinet Member introduction**

I am delighted to present this 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carbon Report to full Council. Just like any Annual Budget, the objective of this report is to provide transparency and accountability to the carbon emission levels of both the Council, and the Borough as a whole. This report has been input into from across Council departments and Cabinet portfolios.

Since our second Annual Carbon Report as a Council we have been extremely busy across a whole range of activities. Of particular note was that Haringey led a successful bid on behalf of several north London boroughs to Government to provide hundreds of free Green Deal energy assessments, helping people identify the measures they need to live more comfortably save money and reduce carbon emissions. There was a remarkable spread of take up across all wards in the borough. Alongside this the scheme developed a network of hundreds of businesses who stand to benefit from the growth of this market by up-skilling their employees and gaining the necessary accreditations, helped by Haringey.

Apart from our practical work installing energy saving measures and providing outreach to residents and businesses we have been working on some very exciting plans with a leading UK University which could in the long term lead to a research facility being established in the borough with the prospect to accelerate low carbon commercial opportunities through research and innovation.

In addition, we have been developing plans for low carbon heat network that could in its first phase span a distance of five kilometres, save residents 10% on their fuel bills and reduce carbon emissions from heat by a massive 60% compared to business as usual. We have a once in a lifetime chance to implement this infrastructure as part of the major regeneration plans for Tottenham and I hope we will make this a reality.

Over the past year the 40:20 Steering Group have also developed and formed new working groups that will help to coordinate activity develop collaborative schemes. We



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will not achieve our target alone. Delivering our ambitious plans as have been laid out by the Carbon Commission will require support from national government and, more importantly, coordinated action from everyone, be that, businesses, faith groups, schools, public bodies, charities and every individual who lives in the borough.

I hope you find this report an interesting source of inspiration to come and join us on the journey to a prosperous and sustainable future for Haringey.

### **3. Recommendations**

The report provides a framework for making transparent the progress that is being made by the borough, in order to support work towards a 40% reduction target by 2020.

It is recommended that Council discuss and debate the issues raised by this report and that Councillors provide their full support to leading action in their community.

### **4. Alternative options considered**

N/A

### **5. Background information**

The report relates to Council corporate plan outcomes Outstanding for All and Opportunities for All and specifically to driving economic growth in which everyone can participate and to ensuring everyone has a decent place to live. Key programmes include: increasing energy performance of private and social rented homes and tackling rising fuel costs, increasing local enterprise and training opportunities in retrofitting, developing low carbon heating infrastructure, supporting regeneration at priority locations across the borough, and developing partnerships with Higher Education sector to raise aspirations in the borough and attract investment into Haringey.

### **6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

The work and initiatives outlined in this report have been undertaken within existing resources, supported by successful bids for external grant funding. In addition to the Carbon savings outlined, the projects delivered have enabled the Council, its partner organisations, residents and local businesses to achieve fuel and energy savings.

Where projects require additional funding beyond existing budgets to be implemented or developed further then they will be brought forward for Cabinet approval as necessary.



## **7. 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.

## **8. 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. 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.

## **9. Head of Procurement Comments**

There have been a range of projects that have contributed to the progress achieved to date in borough-wide carbon reduction.

Procurement has been engaged on each project to ensure that any spend with third parties is commensurate with EC Procurement Directives, Contract Standing Orders and represents value for money.

Where the market allows, supporting projects are offered via Competefor. In 2012-13, the Council delivered five opportunities as Request for Quotations through Competefor. Three of the five were awarded to North London SMEs, two of which were based in Haringey. This demonstrates our commitment to utilise the local supply market where possible, delivering the 40:20 Action Plan commensurate with Carbon Commission recommendations.

## **10. Policy Implication**

In November 2012 the Council has endorsed the approach recommended by the Carbon Commission in 2012 to reduce carbon emissions and address the inequality in the borough. The recommendations made by the Commission aim to reduce fuel costs for residents, promote health and well being, support the local economy and create jobs & training opportunities.

## **11. Reasons for Decision**





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The recommendations made by the Commission and associated action plan identify how carbon reduction initiatives will reduce fuel costs for residents, promote health and well being, support the local economy and create jobs & training opportunities.

**12. Use of Appendices**

N/A

**13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

This report contains no exempt information.

