

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

25 January 2008

CLIMATE CHANGE

Report by the Lead Chief Executive for Sustainability and the Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Members consider what further co-ordination and joint action is required.

BACKGROUND

1. The Association's Action Plan for the year includes consideration of what additional action member authorities should take jointly in response to their own individual work on climate change and sustainability.
2. The Government introduced its Climate Change Bill to Parliament in November 2007 and the Local Government Association (LGA) Climate Change Commission produced its final report in December. Locally each authority has considered climate change and the subject is generally moving to the centre of the decision-making process. The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire is also considering the issue.

TAKING WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE FORWARD TOGETHER

3. Hampshire County Council set up a Climate Change Commission of Inquiry. Stuart Jarvis, Deputy Director of Environment, will describe its recommendations and the Council's response (the County Council's Cabinet report is on hantsweb - Cabinet meeting 16 November 2007). Members are invited to describe their own authorities' approaches.
4. Looking at all our individual authorities' work, there is much common ground as well as local innovation. Common features include:
 - working in partnership
 - information to the public and specific audiences.

Some authorities undertake promotional activity (e.g. Winchester). Authorities share best practice through various staff networks (e.g. HIOW Sustainability Officers, LSP Practitioners) and a long list of current activities following a review by the LSP Practitioners is available and is posted on our website as an annex to this report. Much more information is given on member authority websites.

5. It is recommended that Members consider what further co-ordination and joint action is needed.

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