

**Sustainable Neighbourhood Partnership Forum  
25th February 2008**

**Session topic – Climate Change Principles**

**Attendance**

Mike Reardon, Neighbourhood Services, Manchester City Council (MCC)  
 Sara Todd, Regeneration, MCC  
 Neil Swannick, Executive member for the Environment, MCC  
 Eddy Newman, Exec Member Neighbourhood Services, MCC  
 Ailsa Gibson, North West Regional Assembly  
 Beverley Taylor, Environmental Services, MCC  
 Jon Follows, Green City Team, MCC  
 Paul Waring, Manchester Friends of the Earth  
 Greig Lees, Northwards Housing  
 Tim McMahon, CN4M, Sustainable Neighbourhoods Pool (SNPool)  
 Pete Black, GMPTE  
 Andrew Short, Planning, MCC  
 Fiona Worrall, Neighbourhood Services, MCC  
 Barry Bate, Youth Services, MCC  
 Bill Darbyshire, Environment Agency  
 Barry Johnson, CN4M  
 Mike Franks, CN4M  
 Su Goldthorpe, SNP Policy Officer, MCC

**Apologies**

Greater Manchester Police  
 Primary Care Trust  
 Housing Market Renewal  
 Michael O'Doherty, Ass Dir of Housing, MCC  
 Geoff Little, Asst Chief Exec, Performance Improvement  
 Sarah Benjamins, MCC  
 Chaz Farghaly, Manchester Leisure, MCC  
 Janet Cuff, Ramblers Association

**Introduction**

Mike Reardon, as the Chair of the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Performance Board, introduced the session, that this was the second SNP forum session of its type and the agenda.

He stressed that this topic chosen is highly relevant to SNP. The session was about gathering views on the Climate Change Principles Paper.

**Presentations and Questions**

Ailsa Gibson, of the North West Regional Assembly gave a presentation of the national and regional picture of climate change and what this means for Manchester followed by some questions.

Councillor Neil Swannick presented the Climate Change Principles Paper, and its development, followed by some questions.

Beverley Taylor then presented what is happening in Manchester to make this real within communities and neighbourhoods followed by some questions.

### **Workshops**

Two workshops focused on two of the Principles and whether there are identifiable gaps. Please Appendix.

### **Summary**

The workshop finished with brief feedback on the main points raised in the workshops and Beverley Taylor outlining some next steps.

### **SNP Review Outcomes**

As the subject of Climate Change predominated the agenda, it was decided to hold a separate session to discuss the second agenda item, the SNP Review Outcomes to allow sufficient time. This was rearranged, and the notes circulated.

### **Finish**

The session ended with Mike thanking everyone for their contributions and that there will be a further discussion of Manchester response to Climate Change as strategy and action are developed. Information about this will be circulated.

For additional copies of the slides, or the Climate Change Principles Paper please contact Su at: [su.goldthorpe@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:su.goldthorpe@manchester.gov.uk) or ring 0161 2344125

## Notes from Sustainable Neighbourhood Partnership Forum Workshops 25/02/08

### Workshop A

#### **Principle 5.**

***We will work to reduce our direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and use a wide range of means to disseminate any best practice to our partners and the wider community.***

- Question - Regional Economic Strategy → Does this reflect the CC issues?
- Core Cities – Low Carbon Cities Programme – Best Practice

#### **Wider Community**

Deliver at a local level

Local Workshops:

- Making it accessible → What they are interested in
- Capacity Building → in Regional Funding
- Regional funding → How to tailor messages

#### **Manchester Offset Scheme:**

- How will this scheme be disseminated
- How will this relate to “Project Payback” Initiative for N.W?

#### **Opportunity to involve partners in collecting best practice**

e.g. Tree Strategy – use similar model?  
Forum set up?

However – Timescales are short – We need to take action immediately

Peer Pressure - to get more organizations to get involved

#### **Principle 3.**

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- Consulting wider orgs - Each department - a carbon budget  
Bolton - Environmental strategy  
Council – Set own targets
- How can we bring other partners on board?

Top 10 List – Top 10 emitters  
– 5 Top things  
– Journeys into city

## What's Missing?

Links with different objectives

e.g. Health benefits

Domestic Energy Emissions High

Carbon Neutral?

Links to other strategies and how these things will contribute

- Low energy
  - Rehabilitation of domestic premises
  - Project Repair (CTAC) → Architect draw up scheme? → Terraced Housing
  - Retro Fitting into existing prospects
- Resources – How much resource is council putting into this?  
What we can achieve in the council?

## Workshop B

### Principle 5.

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### Principle 3.

***We will seek to develop short term annual targets which are both realistic and challenging against which our progress can be tracked.***

- What inducements are there to act towards CC?
- Need to be informed by analysis of the main/highest CO<sub>2</sub>emmitters? What/who are the “top 10” to target.
- Need to tackle eg Businesses who see prestige in wasted energy with lighting, eg at night. Some businesses use “heat curtains” to attract people to their shops.
- Can we replicate a “Fair Trade “ approach – and make the low carbon impact activities/products the most attractive offer?
- People have different perceptions of light – young people may not feel as safe in darker environments.
- A list of “Green Companies” – like Fair Trade? Do City Co have this information?
- We can learn a lot from other cities/countries. There is a cities conference next week.
- Residents look to “council” –partnership for leadership. The Principles Paper is a first step
- There are a variety of ways in which “the council” (Manchester Partnership) can influence, through legislation, big structural projects

including waste strategy and services, and the Transport Innovation Fund Bid. It also can work on “hearts and minds”.

- The Energy Strategy needs to link energy planning with infrastructure planning.
- Transport - children walking to school days.
- Cycling – some parts of Manchester better than others but perhaps not a great city to cycle in (risk on roads coupled with bike theft) How do we change this? Increase critical mass of cyclists – campaigns?
- Accreditation and licensing for private landlords – would assist achieve targets for home energy loss, and other Climate change indicators.
- Economic/market pressure towards what is not much more fashionable/socially accepted.
- Should we be looking at CO2 emissions from landfill – more than methane? (3% contribution from landfill).
- The Health Service is/should review its operations in the light of Climate Change and the Duty to Co-operate in the LAA may provide an opportunity for dialogue on this (proposed LAA has reduce “Per Capital CO2 Emissions in LA area) as a high level target).

#### **Is there anything missing within the Principles Paper?**

- More about impact of higher energy costs/pricing on fuel poverty and disadvantage/deprivation.
- Partnerships developing a principle around working with the community and accessing to their knowledge. There is a Climate Change Forum, and other groups working within the city.
- On the development of Targets in Principle 2 there are various options for measuring and setting targets and NWRA and the University and the Tyndall Centre need to clarify.