

Area West Committee – 16th February 2011

## 8. Carbon Reduction Projects – How the Council’s Carbon Targets are Being Met

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### Purpose of the Report

To explain carbon reduction projects being brought forward to reduce the council’s carbon emissions.

### Public Interest

National government and residents of South Somerset expect the district council to lead by example in reducing energy bills from the council’s operations, saving money and reducing carbon emissions in the process. To this end, a Carbon Management Plan has been produced with a sequential list of energy saving and renewable energy projects. Some have been implemented, some are currently being progressed and others are at the investigation stage. The PowerPoint presentation to be given by the Climate Change Officer will detail these.

### Recommendation

That members note the carbon reduction projects being progressed.

### Background

A carbon reduction and climate change adaptation strategy can be found on the council’s website at: <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/media/89769/carbon%20reduction%20and%20climate%20change%20adapataion%20strategy%20march%202010.pdf>

During 2008 the council engaged with the Carbon Trust’s “Local Authority Carbon Management Programme”. We were supported to produce our Carbon Management Plan

[http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/media/89772/website\\_carbon\\_management\\_plan\\_ssd\\_csiq.pdf](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/media/89772/website_carbon_management_plan_ssd_csiq.pdf) and guided to best practice carbon reduction projects.

### The Carbon Reduction Projects

These will be detailed in the presentation. They all relate to the council’s own operations.

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications at this time.

**Corporate Priority Implications**

Theme 2: Enhance the Environment, Address and Adapt to Climate Change Target 2.14  
Reduce CO2 from SSDC operations. Deliver at least 4 projects / year reducing CO2 emissions by 12% by 2011/12.

**Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)**

The whole purpose of the carbon reduction projects is to reduce carbon emissions.

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

There are no implications.

**Background Papers:** *Carbon Management Plan*  
*Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy*