

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Becoming a Low Carbon Authority

Energy and Carbon Policy 2011-2015

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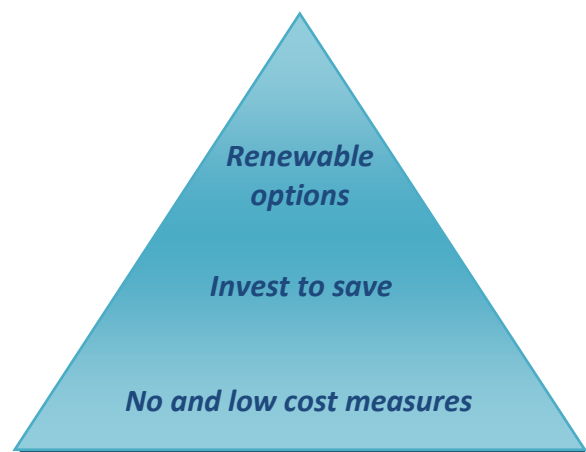
OUR COMMITMENT

Waverley Borough Council and members made a commitment to cut carbon emissions and make Waverley a low carbon authority by approving a five year Carbon Management Plan in April 2010. Getting our house in order is important to demonstrate leadership and set the example to our local community. This requires everyone within the Council, our staff, our managers, our members, and our partners to think differently about how we operate and how we provide services.

The success in taking responsibility for tackling climate change relies on strong commitment through approved policies, procurement methods, building design and investment programmes.

ENERGY HIERARCHY

The approach to energy management is to ensure we reduce energy consumption as much as possible by implementing no cost or low cost measures. Following that, we will look at invest to save opportunities. The capital programme criteria highly consider carbon implications and gives great priority to those projects that demonstrate the greatest energy and cost savings. Finally, we will identify opportunities to switch to renewable energy options and onsite generation where feasible.



OUR COUNCILLORS WILL

- Ensure Council decisions promote and maximise opportunities to improve energy efficiency.
- Promote community support and engagement with low carbon initiatives.
- Demonstrate leadership in reducing energy and carbon emissions in their activities as elected members.

OUR MANAGERS WILL

- Heads of Service and Connectors will have carbon management responsibilities in their job descriptions.
- Genuinely consider climate change implications and whole life costing when carrying out day-to-day duties.
- Cascade the Council's commitment to carbon management to their teams.
- Ensure that they report to Carbon Management Board any progress or development of projects that have energy or climate change implications.
- Measure and monitor energy and fuel consumption from activities within their services in an accurate and consistent manner.

OUR STAFF WILL

- Be provided with regular training to promote efficiency and low carbon options where possible.
- Actively reduce energy waste by turning off equipment and appliances when not in use.
- Be assessed against competency framework at appraisals that incorporates carbon reduction targets.

OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL BE

- Required to demonstrate the possession of effective environmental policies.
- Required to use the most efficient vehicles appropriate for the nature of work.
- Required to provide accurate data on carbon emissions of their vehicles and buildings, when requested.
- Asked to identify energy and carbon savings throughout the contract period.

OUR PARTNERS

- We will seek to encourage our partners to investigate low carbon options.

OUR TARGETS

OUR BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES

- To improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions for Council buildings and transport¹ by 25% by March 2015 from 2008/9 levels.
- To consider low or zero carbon technologies for energy generation in buildings providing the project remains commercially and financially viable.
- Investigate the acquisition of the Carbon Trust Standard or an EMS system by the end of March 2015.

OUR NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- Aim to achieve a minimum of “very good” of the BREEAM standard on any new Council owned non-residential development.
- Aim to achieve a minimum of Code level 4 in all new Council led residential developments.

COMMUNICATION

- Will report annually on achievements against our carbon and energy targets, to Councillors and our residents. Reports will be published on our website.
- Will carry out regular promotional activities that involve our staff and our community.
- Will work with and support the wider community on promoting energy efficiency.

¹ This includes transportation for Waverley business done by contractors and officers business mileage. It does not include staff commute.