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Subject: **A summary of progress towards implementation of the Select Committee on Climate Change recommendations, as drawn together in Kent County Council's Climate Change Action Plan**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The Select Committee on Climate Change published its recommendations in October 2006. Kent County Council produced its first response in January 2007 in which it committed to a series of actions since drawn together in a Climate Change Action Plan, overseen by the Cabinet Working Group on Climate Change. This report summarises the significant progress that has been made in the first 12 months of implementation; and outlines some proposed next steps subject to an imminent review by the Select Committee.

Recommendation: That Members note the progress made.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Select Committee on Climate Change published wide-ranging recommendations in October 2006. The Council approved action in response to the 12 sets of recommendations in January 2007. This action was a first response to the recommendations, focused on immediate priorities and on bringing together several existing areas of work into a coherent strategy. Tackling climate change is a long-term issue and it is envisaged that additional actions will be identified over time.
- 1.2. The purpose of this report is to summarise progress made to date in implementing action. The climate change agenda is moving fast. Members will wish to note that the Select Committee on Climate Change is itself due to be reconvened imminently; in order to consider progress and proposed next steps in the context of the latest science and policy context.

2. An overview of KCC's Climate Change Action Plan

- 2.1. Further to Recommendation 1, a full-time project manager has been in post since May 2007 and has grouped actions into a comprehensive KCC Climate Change Action Plan, as shown in **Annex 1**. The Plan is formed of three workstreams aligned to the Nottingham Declaration Action Pack (this is the definitive source of good practice for local government on tackling climate change to which KCC signed up in 2001):

- a. **KCC as an estate manager: Mitigation and carbon management:** We are leading by example to reduce our own carbon emissions to meet a series of targets; 10% reduction by 2010, 20% by 2015, working towards the Government's current UK-wide target of a 60% reduction by 2050.
- b. **KCC as a service provider: Adaptation and resilience:** We are working to ensure all the services we deliver understand the impacts of climate change and make provisions to adapt as necessary, to be reflected in business planning across KCC from 08/09 onwards. We are also making sure our policies and decisions support adaptation across Kent.
- c. **KCC as a community leader:** We are working through the Kent Partnership and the forthcoming Kent Agreement 2 to take action across Kent, both to reduce carbon emissions and to ensure businesses, infrastructure, services, communities and landscapes across Kent are able to adapt to the opportunities and challenges presented by climate change.

2.2. The Climate Change Project Manager is hosted by the Corporate Policy Unit, Chief Executive's Department, reflecting the cross-cutting corporate approach needed to tackle climate change and embed action across the organisation. The Project Manager coordinates action across several KCC teams and works with a wide range of partners across Kent. The KCC Climate Change Action Plan is owned by the Cabinet Working Group on Climate Change, who meet on average quarterly and additionally by exception. The Project Manager is supported by three Director-level workstream champions and the Chief Executive has also taken on a climate change champion role.

2.3. Current KCC climate change policy is summarised as:

- We recognise that climate change is happening and that KCC has a critical role in helping Kent's businesses, communities and individuals understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change, as well as playing their part in reducing those impacts. Some climate change is already unavoidable and will require us to adapt to the inevitable as well as reducing emissions to minimise future climate change.
- We have been signatory to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change since 2001 (now signed by most local authorities in the UK, including most in Kent).
- The implications of climate change cut across all work areas of KCC's work and services, and as such require a corporate, organisation-wide response.
- We will ensure KCC staff are aware of the relevance of climate change for all our services and activities.

- KCC has a special responsibility to lead by example and will ensure that emissions arising directly from the delivery of our services are minimised. We are committed to reducing our emissions (from a 2004 baseline) by 10% by 2010 and 20% by 2020, in line with current Government targets towards 60% by 2050. These will be real reductions arising from increased energy efficiency and use of on-site renewable energy; carbon offsetting will only be considered as a last resort when all other options have been explored, for example for some essential car use. Through implementation of the KCC Environment Policy and the ISO 14001 environmental management system, we will make continuous improvements in reducing KCC's impact on the environment, including trialling the use of bio-fuels and other new technologies. We are committed to continuing the Energy Loan Fund.
- We will ensure new KCC buildings set an example by delivering the best possible standards of construction, by applying an evidence-based approach to sustainability using energy-efficient, robust and built-to-last materials.
- KCC will ensure that the impacts of climate change on all KCC work areas and services are understood and that appropriate adaptive responses are identified in business planning from 2008 onwards. We are committed to continuing development of a Kent Local Climate Impacts Profile.
- We will develop plans and projects with our partners and local communities to progressively address the causes and impacts of climate change, according to our local priorities and securing maximum benefit for our communities. We will lead work through the Kent Partnership and Kent Public Service Board to deliver the Vision for Kent, which contains a goal to reduce Kent's contribution to climate change by reducing energy use and increasing energy efficiency and to prepare for its impacts; moving towards creation of a low-carbon and climate change resilient economy.

Sources include:

KCC's Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change pledge (2001)

Towards 2010 targets (2006)

Council response to Select Committee on Climate Change Report (2007)

KCC Climate Change Action Plan implementation decisions (2007)

Revised KCC Environment Policy (2007)

- 2.4. Even within the first 12 months of implementation, the national and local scientific, economic and political context for this work has shifted rapidly. For example:
- a. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has increased the scientific probability that climate change is caused by man-made greenhouse gas emissions from "likely" to "extremely likely" (over 90% certainty).
 - b. A Climate Change Bill is currently going through Parliament that will set independently-agreed five-year carbon budgets for the UK on a trajectory towards at least 60% carbon emissions reduction by 2050. There are high expectations about the role of local government in helping to deliver this.

- c. Recent extreme weather events in the UK have further emphasised the importance of adapting to climate change as well as reducing emissions.
 - d. In Kent, increasing numbers of public services, businesses, community groups and citizens are becoming involved in tackling climate change.
 - e. Climate change has been agreed as a headline priority for the next Kent Agreement and the new set of national improvement indicators for local government will frame how this is taken forward.
- 2.5. Implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan is aligned with this changing context. This means that in some cases alternative approaches are being taken in order to deliver the outcomes the Select Committee intended. Similarly, where additional action not originally identified by the Council response is contributing to the desired outcomes, this has been adopted into the action plan in order to keep track of the full picture of progress in KCC towards tackling climate change.
- 2.6. A brief summary of progress under each of the three workstreams is provided below. A fuller summary is at **Annex 2**.

3. KCC as an estate manager: Mitigation & carbon management

- 3.1. Work on this theme is the most advanced, which is important because we need to demonstrate progress within our own organisation when engaging the wider community.
- 3.2. Carbon reduction targets were formally agreed by Cabinet in February 2007. Reducing emissions is an important aspect of environmental performance; delivery of this workstream is therefore led by the Corporate Environmental Performance Group, reporting to the KCC Environment Board and applying the ISO 14001 environmental management system.
- 3.3. The KCC Energy Loan Fund, which funds capital investment in energy efficiency measures across the estate, has continued to result in significant carbon savings (830 tonnes CO₂ in 2007). However, overall (in common with most organisations) we still have some work to do to stabilise and progressively reduce net carbon emissions. During 2007 we have therefore worked to improve monitoring data and identify areas of KCC activity that need particular action. We have set up specific working groups in some key areas such as on Sustainable Estates, Sustainable Transport and Travel, Sustainable Procurement and Staff Engagement. We have also worked to embed climate change in corporate decision-making, for example through the revised KCC Environment Policy, the new business planning framework and the new Cabinet Report template.

4. KCC as a service provider: Adaptation and resilience

- 4.1. Following the Nottingham Declaration Action Pack, KCC is taking a risk-based approach to identifying vulnerabilities and opportunities, and to taking appropriate responses. The Climate Change Project Manager is helping business areas across KCC develop their understanding of how climate change may impact service delivery and begin to identify actions for 08/09 business plans and beyond.

- 4.2. To support this work, KCC is participating in an innovative pilot initiative led by the UK Climate Impacts Programme to develop a Kent Local Climate Impacts Profile. This quantifies the impacts of recent extreme weather events on services, communities and businesses in Kent of and combines this analysis with predicted climate and weather trends in order to improve decision-making about what adaptive response is appropriate. A proof-of-concept draft was completed in autumn 2007 and a proposal is currently being developed to continue this work in partnership across Kent in 2008; Kent is now one of the leading exemplars of this approach in the UK.

5. KCC as a community leader

- 5.1. Work started on this theme in August 2007 because we needed to be able to demonstrate credible progress within the organisation first.
- 5.2. In September 2007, the Kent Partnership affirmed its commitment to tackling climate change and agreed some particular areas of focus for partnership working, including sharing good practice and consistent communications with citizens and businesses. During consultation in autumn 2007, it became clear that Kent partners were keen for climate change mitigation and adaptation to feature in the new Kent Agreement 2. Rather than develop a separate programme, the Climate Change Project Manager has therefore joined the Kent Agreement Negotiation Team and, through facilitation of the indicator selection and target-setting processes, hopes to agree a challenging but achievable set of actions by partners across Kent that will become a formal part of the next Kent Agreement (April 2008 onwards). This is an exciting opportunity to make real strides in tackling climate change in Kent over the next three-year period, and is particularly important because so much action on climate change requires partnership working.
- 5.3. In November 2007, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste launched a Low Carbon Communities initiative. This is an innovative pilot project which funds bespoke support from the Kent Energy Centre (the local source of impartial advice to households on behalf of the Energy Savings Trust) for four different communities across Kent. The project empowers local community leaders working with their communities to make significant carbon emissions reductions. We are using the experience to help develop a toolkit, scheduled to be available by April 2008, that other communities will then be able to use in the future. We are also currently developing proposals for extending the pilot project during 2008.

6. Implications

- 6.1. The report is an update on progress and therefore has no direct new implications for KCC. The main implications of the current Climate Change Action Plan are:
 - a. *Budget / financial impact:* KCC funding for continuation of this programme of work is already secured for 2008/09 within existing allocations. Recommendation 4 seeks additional external funding opportunities.

- b. *Equality and diversity*: The programme recognises that different areas, services, groups of people and businesses in Kent have different capacities to reduce emissions, and are at different levels of risk from climate change. We are therefore taking a risk-based, vulnerability-based approach.
- c. *Customer service and delivery*: The programme will improve efficiency and decision-making in service delivery, and will improve the Kent-wide framework within which citizens and businesses can take action on climate change
- d. *Towards 2010 Targets*: Supports T41 and T42 in particular
- e. *Putting Kent First*: The programme demonstrates all the Putting Kent First aims, and the *promoting environmental excellence* objective in particular.
- f. *Sustainability*: The programme explicitly helps KCC reduce its environmental impact and prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

6.2. The following risks are associated with delivery of the programme of work and are being actively managed:

- a. Risk of failure to secure sufficient resource to sustain and increase momentum for delivery of this work within KCC and in partner organisations in Kent.
- b. Risk of failure to sustain and increase political and managerial leadership to drive and support further progress, both within KCC and across Kent as a whole.
- c. Risk of failure to embed understanding of climate change issues right through decision-making processes in KCC.
- d. Risk of failure to engage the people and businesses of Kent effectively.

7. Consultation

7.1. There is a strong link in particular between Select Committee on Climate Change Recommendations 3 and 8 and the recent Select Committee on Flood Risk which reported in autumn 2007. The Recommendations in the latter reinforce and build on the former.

7.2. Priorities for the next Kent Agreement were consulted on during summer 2007, which led to climate change becoming a new priority in the draft Kent Agreement 2. It is anticipated that a Kent-wide partnership arrangement will own delivery of climate change-related action across Kent, with a focus on engagement and empowerment of businesses and communities across Kent in taking action on a sector-by-sector basis.

8. Local Members

8.1. Several Local County Members are taking an interest in this work, for example in Low Carbon Community pilot areas and in areas where Local Boards have discussed climate change.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1. In the first year since the Council approved actions in response to the Select Committee recommendations, significant groundwork has been laid. Kent County Council has made good progress at a pace consistent with what could reasonably be expected in the time available. However, it will be important to build on and sustain this momentum over the coming months in order to achieve the outcomes and targets the Select Committee identified. We have made a good start, but we recognise we need to do more, not least to ensure continued credibility when leading action with partners across Kent. Several of the local government performance indicators will further aid progress.
- 9.2. The Cabinet Working Group on Climate Change will continue to oversee progress. The Select Committee on Climate Change is due to be reconvened imminently to review progress, which will need to consider new evidence that has emerged since October 2006. KCC has also been offered an independent peer review of strategic approach to tackling climate change by the South East Climate Change Partnership, which we are currently exploring as a possible option.

10. Recommendation

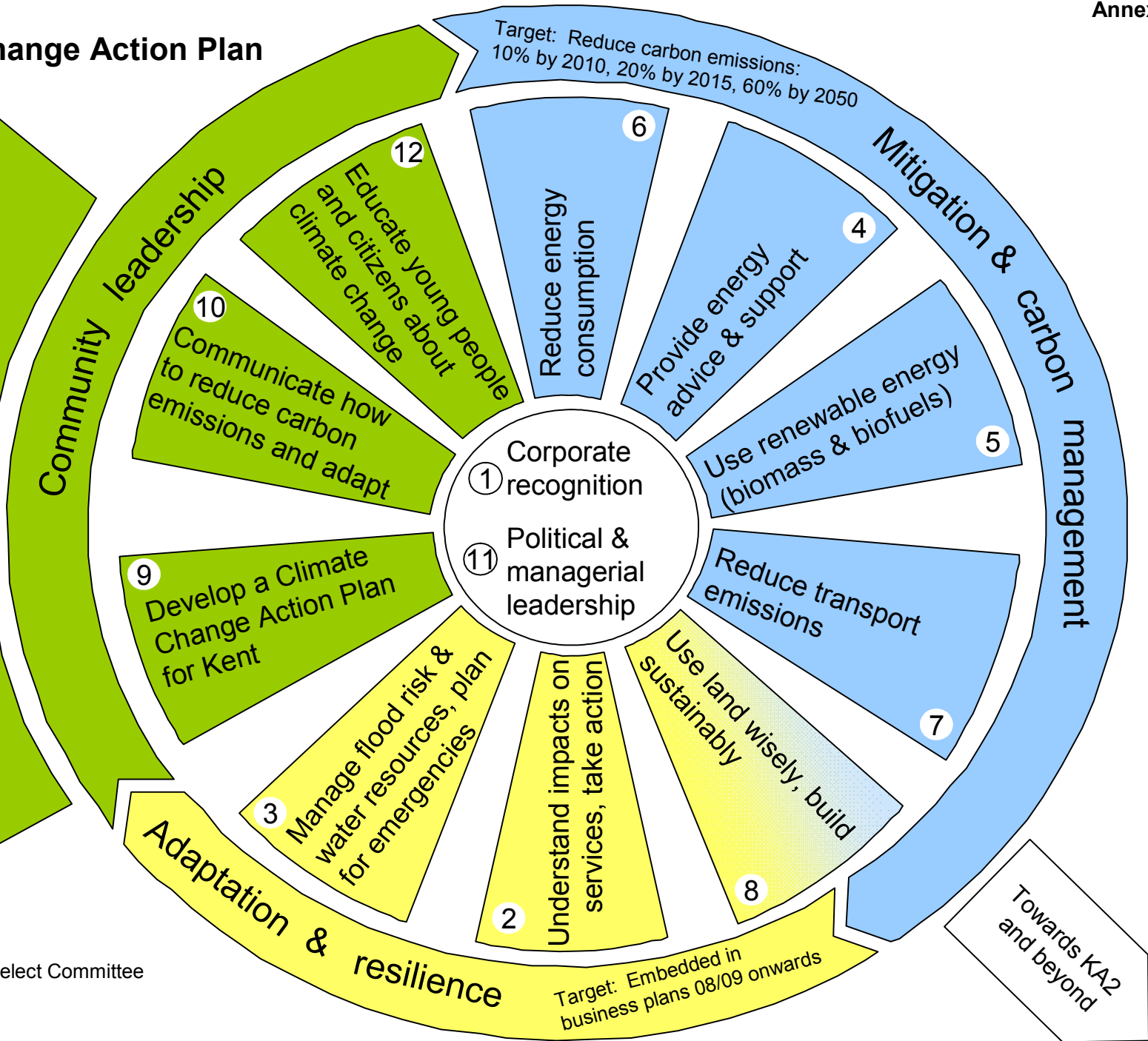
- 10.1. That the Committee note the progress made.
- 10.2. The Cabinet Working Group on Climate Change would like to invite any interested Committee members to participate in a challenge panel discussion at a future Cabinet Working Group meeting.

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KCC's Climate Change Action Plan

Work through the Kent Partnership to:




- Identify and monitor appropriate indicators of climate change for Kent, including development of a local climate impacts profile
- Develop and implement a county-wide action plan with targets for carbon management, adaptation and resilience, taking a sector by sector approach
- Develop and implement an associated communications strategy







⑨ = Action in response to Select Committee Recommendation
 ► = Task Group





KCC Climate Change Action Plan: Summary of progress towards each recommendation



(NB: The full programme plan is ~30 pages – main points only shown here).

Status key:	 = Complete / advanced progress	 = Some good progress although still much more to do	 = Little significant progress yet / progress is at particular risk. High priority next step.
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Recommendation	Significant highlights in first 12 months	Important next steps	Status
Corporate leadership			
1. An explicit corporate acceptance of climate change and how human activity contributes to it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Council approved first set of actions in response to Select Committee ✓ Chief Executive communicated to all staff and has taken on climate change champion role ✓ Cabinet Working Group on Climate Change established to oversee implementation of actions (Alex King, Keith Ferrin, Roger Gough) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further work needed on internal communications ▪ Further work needed to embed climate change mitigation and adaptation throughout staff training, development and performance management processes. ▪ Further work to rollout specific training and guidance to specific target audiences within KCC (e.g. new entrants, Members, procurement officers, planners, facilities managers etc). ▪ Date and detailed process for first annual review by Select Committee still to be finalised and delivered. There is an opportunity to take part in a peer review exercise through the South East Climate Change Partnership that we are exploring as part of this. 	
11. Clarify political and managerial leadership and accountability on climate change within KCC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Project manager recruited and in post within Chief Executive's Department, jointly funded from all Directorates for 07/08. Continued funding secured and baselined for 2008/09 onwards. ✓ Director-level leads identified to champion action on each of the 3 workstreams ✓ Lead officers identified for each action within each workstream, with regular reports to project manager ✓ Additional governance in place where needed (e.g. working groups reporting into KCC Environment Board) ✓ Approach to corporate communications on climate change agreed and in progress (e.g. KNet) ✓ KCC emissions reductions embedded in Corporate Environmental Performance and ISO 14001 delivery (on track) with continued improvements in baseline data ✓ Revised KCC Environment Policy (including carbon emissions) agreed by Cabinet Dec 2007, due for formal launch Jan 2008 ✓ 2008/09 business planning template includes issues for climate change mitigation and adaptation ✓ Revised Cabinet Report template includes implications for climate change (issued Nov 2007) ✓ Relevant Towards 2010 targets and indicators now agreed 		
Mitigation and carbon management			
6. Increase support for energy efficiency and renewable energy, particularly micro-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Carbon emissions reduction targets for KCC (10% by 2010, 20% by 2015 on 2004 baseline) agreed by Cabinet (March 07) ✓ Commitment in principle to BREEAM "very good" design standard for new KCC buildings. Formal monitoring of BREEAM uptake under Towards 2010 reporting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More action needed to stabilise and reduce emissions to meet the targets – although good progress has been made in some areas, overall net carbon emissions from KCC not yet stabilised. ▪ Further work to embed energy efficiency and 	

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generation, in the KCC Estate and across Kent as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ KCC Energy Loan Fund extended (total £1m fund for capital investment in energy / water efficiency and renewables projects within specified payback period) and making significant emissions and budget savings. Additional support officer now in post to manage fund. ✓ Sustainable Estates Taskforce established as formal KCC Environment Board working-group, overseeing benchmarking and prioritisation exercises to support further retrofitting of energy efficiency and water efficiency measures ✓ Focus where biggest potential savings (e.g. currently scoping opportunities in Oakwood Park campus, Office Transformation Strategy) ✓ Core funding identified for Eco Schools Officer post – working well with schools ✓ Further training of school estate managers ✓ Further training being offered to Private Care Home managers 	<p>renewable energy into corporate decision-making (e.g. through implementation of KCC Environment Policy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further work on sustainable procurement (KCC's carbon footprint arising from consumption of goods and services; potential to use procurement power to green the supply chain and support/invest in new technologies) ▪ Further work to embed energy efficiency into information technology and office improvement programmes (we are exploring a possible IT carbon footprint exercise) ▪ Sustainable Estates Taskforce helping to shape further training and developing additional policy guidance for those who manage KCC estate. 	
4. Provide support for better sustainable energy advice to Kent's residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Funding opportunities identified in principle (e.g. Interreg IV, Kent Improvement Partnership) for several parts of this action plan (not just limited to sustainable energy advice) ✓ Secured funding for and begun implementation of Low Carbon Communities pilot project (working through Kent Energy Centre to help four Kent communities become low-carbon, also producing a practical toolkit for other community groups to use) (due completion March 2008) ✓ Energy efficiency promoted on KCC website aligned to new national "Act on CO2" campaign ✓ Held several Big Green Fairs to engage schools about tackling climate change (development of broader schools pack not applicable at present because central Government have done this) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of specific bids in partnership for external funding for all aspects of climate change – in particular Interreg IV in time to meet application deadlines ▪ Further work to support community-wide emissions reductions (aligned to new national performance indicators) including wider public sector buildings, social housing etc. 	
5. Complete a feasibility study for use of Biomass in KCC Buildings and replace conventional fuels with Bio-Fuels in KCC vehicles where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ KCC fleet vehicles operated by Commercial Services have been running on 5% biodiesel since 2006. Now technically possible to increase to 30% subject to consideration of costs (increases vehicle service frequency) ✓ Feasibility studies completed for biomass and other renewable energy sources in schools. 1 or 2 suitable for biomass boilers (will be installed summer 2008), up to 20 ongoing solar photovoltaic / wind projects. This will increase proportion of renewable energy used (and uses Energy Loan Fund as per 6 above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further work to ensure Building Schools for the Future programme continues to consider sustainable energy and biomass solutions ▪ Further work to increase uptake of biomass and/or other appropriate renewable energy solutions 	

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7. Review Transport Policy to achieve an overall reduction in emissions from transport in the KCC estate and across Kent as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Green Transport week 2007 promoted range of available sustainable travel options for KCC (e.g. Kent car share, Streetcar etc) ✓ Cross-cutting Sustainable Travel and Transport working group now established and has commissioned in-depth KCC travel carbon footprint study (due spring 2008) to improve baseline data, prioritise and take forward a range of further actions. ✓ Switch to low energy traffic signals to be completed by spring 2008; streetlights subject to outcome of pilot testing ✓ Carbon emissions from KCC travel and transport are about 40% of our carbon footprint. However, there is renewed corporate appetite for exploring solutions, supported by the Chief Executive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further work (after footprint study) to incorporate KCC travel emissions into carbon emissions for 2008/09 (action agreed by Cabinet March 2007) ▪ Business need for corporate sustainable travel role identified in order to make significant progress – currently exploring whether this can be delivered through Kent Commercial Services ▪ Work through Resource Directors and COG to develop revised KCC policies (e.g. on lease cars, user mileage allowances, parking) to incentivise sustainable alternatives where appropriate ▪ Kent-wide action through delivery of Kent Agreement 2 and continuous improvement of Local Transport Plan. 	
Adaptation and resilience			
8. Make more efficient use of land in the development process and meet higher standards of sustainable construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Scoping report and recommendations published on impacts of climate change on biodiversity ✓ KCC submitted responses to consultations including on PPS on climate change (which has now been published in final form). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No known monitoring as yet of consideration of <i>Adapting to Climate Change checklist</i> criteria ▪ Further work needed to support KCC officers in engaging with district council development control functions and other partners, for example through the Local Development Framework process. 	
2. Detailed assessment of climate change Impacts on KCC services and development of adaptive responses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ One of a small group of local authorities testing new, innovative UK Climate Impacts Programme method for developing a Local Climate Impacts Profile based on analysis of past weather events. First draft completed Sept 07 ✓ Engaged in development of user interface for UKCIP08 climate change scenarios ✓ Adapted Nottingham Declaration Action Park methodology to help service areas in KCC assess impacts of climate change on service delivery to support 2008/09 business planning process. Holding series of senior management workshops to take them through the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further support for business planning process including running further workshops ▪ Further work with partners to validate, expand and analyse Kent LCLIP to become invaluable tool for decision-making for whole of Kent (aligned to Kent View) – generating high interest across Kent so far. ▪ Work to prepare Kent authorities to make maximum use of new threshold-based UKCIP08 climate change scenarios when released in autumn 08. 	
3. Ensure climate change impacts on flood risk, water resources and emergency planning are taken into account.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Range of new national and regional guidance published on flood risk and adapting to climate change ✓ Some good work on planning and flood risk with Environment Agency ✓ Further Select Committee on Flood Risk convened summer 2007 (report published in autumn 2007 and contains helpful complementary recommendations) ✓ New water policy approved Dec 06 ✓ Target to reduce KCC's own water use by 7.5% by 2010 on track ✓ Successful water efficiency demonstration projects for new and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some good progress but remains high risk area, apparently constrained by resources ▪ Spatial planners need to become more engaged in climate change through the LDF process ▪ Impacts of climate change on water stress and water security not yet fully understood across all KCC decision-makers. In particular need to engage with Periodic Review 09 consultations by water companies (Jan 08) ▪ Kent domestic sector still has highest water 	

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	<p>existing housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kent Resilience Forum has established a Severe Weather sub-group to develop specific plans for high-risk sea-flooding areas in first instance and is making progress (although pace constrained by resources) ✓ Kent's Community Risk Register has been assessed against 2006 guidance for inclusion of climate change risks (based on current understanding – Kent LCLIP work will help inform this further in future) 	<p>consumption in England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taking forward additional actions from 2007 Select Committee on Flood Risk 	
Community leadership			
<p>9 Introduce a Climate Change Action Plan, supported by clear targets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ KCC's own emissions targets adopted and published. ✓ Community-wide reduction targets will now be set through national indicator on per capita CO2 reduction. Adaptation target is also set through national indicator. ✓ Ongoing work to secure "low-carbon and climate-change-resilient economy" within next Kent Agreement – this is key framework for Kent-wide climate change action plan ✓ Kent Leaders and Chief Executives and Kent Partnership have now agreed to work together to tackle climate change as a priority. ✓ Climate change officer network established with participation from all district councils, working on a range of actions (due to report on progress in March 08) ✓ Engaging with a range of business sector leads to take action forward, range of funding opportunities ✓ Work aligned with wider ongoing work to review Kent Environment Strategy, including Kent-wide eco-footprint exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Following good practice in developing community-wide climate change action plans, under umbrella of high-level agreement through Kent Partnership, develop mix of cross-cutting activities and sector-specific action plans led by sector champions (revised approach also agreed by Cabinet Working Group on Climate Change). ▪ Negotiation and agreement of Kent-wide targets (with identification of supporting projects and actions, and appropriate governance) under the Kent Agreement 2, on per capita CO2 reduction and adaptation to climate change in particular. 	
<p>10. High profile communications programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Engaged, and continue to engage, with Act on CO2 programme ✓ Opportunities through low carbon communities project (see 4 above) ✓ Proposed engagement with Tomorrow's England campaign (spring 08) ✓ Kent Partnership agreed need for shared joined-up approach to communicating with citizens and businesses – range of innovative proposals currently under development (linked to possible Kent Improvement Partnership funding) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This communications programme has yet to peak – good opportunities in 2008 aligned to Kent Partnership and Kent Agreement 2 priorities. 	
<p>12. Improve young people's education on climate change impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Public Education Group set up and will develop programmes to influence public behaviour through adult education, libraries, schools, youth service etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eco-Schools Officer approached CFE but no clear way forward yet on specific recommendation. Needs to take account of proposed Government curriculum changes 	