

Decision No: SCC011 – 13/12/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 11 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET COMMITTEE DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CARBON REDUCTION COMMITMENT
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	THURSTAN CROCKETT

### **THE DECISION**

1. That the Cabinet Committee agrees that:
  - (a) The City Council's Carbon Management Programme Strategy & Implementation Plan is revised to take account of the CRC, as well as Display Energy Certificate
  - (b) Further work is done to establish how schools will participate fully in the CRC.
  - (c) The budget planning process will need to identify the required funding to purchase the CO2 emissions allowances for 2011/12.
  - (d) The officer Carbon Trading Group explores the potential to introduce internal carbon trading for directorates for 2010/11 onwards.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. There are important, corporate implications of the CRC to the council: mandatory, for non compliance, initial costs, budget uncertainty and impacts, schools inclusion reputation.
2. Councillor Janio has requested that officers investigate internal carbon trading mechanisms.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The council has no option about whether or not to participate in the CRC.
2. A dummy trading scheme could be established rather than real internal carbon trading to see what the implications of trading would be for directorates, and potentially to

prepare them for full trading in the future. The council adopted this approach corporately by participating in the "Carbon Trading Councils" dummy carbon trading scheme last financial year and this helped to develop officers' understanding of the processes and issues. However, this could also be resource intensive to introduce but potentially without real emission reduction benefits.

3. Alternatively a pilot scheme could be introduced in one directorate or service area. This would still require some additional resourcing and the selection process might prove controversial.
4. The development of strong business cases for the appointment of an Energy Data Officer and for the Schools Carbon management Officer job to be made permanent would see this work better resourced.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

**We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision**

#### **Date:**

13 October 2009

#### **Decision Maker:**

Councillor Mary Mears  
Chairman of the Sustainability Cabinet  
Committee

#### **Signed:**



#### **Proper Officer:**

13 October 2009

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

#### **Signed:**



#### **SCRUTINY**

**Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny 'Call-In' provisions.**

#### **Call-In Period**

**14-20 October 2009**

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

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Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: SCC012 – 13/10/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

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## **RECORD OF CABINET COMMITTEE DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	MITA PATEL

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Cabinet Committee approves the Environmental Policy for the Council as at Appendix 1.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. A drive for efficiency and Value for Money coupled with new environmental performance requirements in the UoR assessment mean that a more comprehensive and accountable environmental management approach is required.
2. The approved implementation of a formal EMS requires development of Environmental Policy. This is required for successfully achieving ISO 14001 certification in our pilot EMS projects.
3. An Environmental Policy is an important and necessary first step for ensuring we are getting our house in order and leading by example.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The alternative options for an Environmental Policy as outlined in this report include the following:
  - (a) An Environmental Policy focusing only on the two pilot projects that have been selected for implementation of an Environmental Management System: Fleet & Venues.
    - This would only commit action and investment of resources to a limited part of the organisation and so is not a very tenable position for achieving our

corporate ambitions for the Council as a whole.

- (b) A longer, more thorough Environmental Policy Document that would provide detailed information on environmental performance in all service areas across organisation.
- This option would not follow the usual format for an environmental policy, which is an over-arching framework and set of principles. It would require a substantial amount more work to be undertaken that would not be possible by the Audit Commission's deadline.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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