

LAA TARGET - ACTION PLAN

LAA Indicator No.	NI 186
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Reporting Frequency	

SCS Theme:	Improving Coventry's environment and tackling climate change	SCS Priority:	<p>SCS Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry's carbon footprint will have reduced. • Coventry will be making more sustainable use of natural resources - less energy and water will be used, less waste and pollution will be produced, more waste will be recycled. • Coventry will be better prepared for the impacts of climate change. <p>SCS Short term priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the carbon dioxide emissions produced by Coventry City Council and the wider community, supported by robust systems of measuring, managing and monitoring – learn from this and disseminate good practice across the Coventry Partnership. • Improve understanding and awareness among local people of how they can adopt more sustainable lifestyles through education, advice and support. • Proactively encourage individuals and organisations to adopt behaviours that will minimise their impact on climate change, and provide specific guidance to help them to do so. • “Climate-proof” Coventry's key strategies and plans. • Develop and start to implement the city's Climate Change Strategy. • Develop and start to implement the city's Waste Strategy.
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1: LAA Target

Indicator Definition	Baseline & Year	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Success Criteria
Per Capita reduction in CO ₂ emissions in the LA area	7.1 tonnes 2005	6.9	6.6	6.3	

LAA Target information

Coventry's Climate Change Strategy, adopted in March 2008, sets out a target for reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 70% by the year 2050, using 2003 as the baseline year, with an interim target of 40% by the year 2025. The strategy notes that progress against the longer term targets will not be linear, given the varying impact of new technologies, market forces surrounding increasingly scarce natural resources and the impact of additional infrastructure investment. However, an indicative year-on-year reduction of 3% will deliver the required long-term reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

DEFRA has broken down the per capita emissions for all local authority areas into two elements – those achieved as a result of national policy and action and those that can be attributed to local action. Their projections for Coventry, suggest that by 2011 a 12% reduction on the 2005 baseline could be achieved, of which 7.1% is delivered nationally and 4.8% locally. This is clearly difficult both to calculate and demonstrate but given that this is the best available data, Coventry has agreed to adopt this approach to the LAA.

The challenges associated with this indicator have been acknowledged by DEFRA, particularly the difficulty of setting targets based on only one year's data and the extent to which local authorities and their partners have control over the indicator, as it is made up of elements that are influenced by both national and local decisions. As more data becomes available and time lag in reporting is reduced, the importance of reviewing targets has been acknowledged.

The Environment Theme Group of the Coventry Partnership has been relaunched with a fresh emphasis on tackling climate change, bringing together key public, private and third sector organisations in a dynamic and collaborative environment to pilot five flagship projects to galvanise thinking in the city. In addition, the City Council is actively working with the Carbon Trust to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of the City Council by 30% over 5 years. Although this will make only a modest contribution to the city's total emissions reduction, the promotional and campaigning influence of this initiative is expected to be significant in the long term.

2: Equalities and Community Cohesion Implications

Summary of overall negative/ positive impacts on target groups/areas:

There is an issue with ensuring that hard to reach groups are contacted in order to allow them to access grant funding and sources of advice on reducing their carbon footprint.

There are no community cohesion implications for this NI action plan.

3: Strategic Summary

Description of key activity or activities that may contribute towards achieving target

The Climate Change Strategy contains over 60 short, medium and long term actions designed to reduce carbon emissions within the city by direct council actions as well as through collaborative action with the community and key stakeholders across the city.

A dedicated climate change team has been established to drive these project activities and to ensure that directorates within the city council work together productively and synergistically in order to work towards the 40% reduction target by 2025.

Stakeholder groups dealing with broad city-wide issues such as transport and regeneration have been established to effectively tackle these issues and to establish a critical mass of key organisations which is expected to allow successful bids for funding to be made in future months and years.

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4: Delivery Plan – Performance Monitoring of Actions

Ref Nr	Planned Action(s)	Target/ Milestone	Link to Other Plans	Lead Officer	Progress <i>To be completed as part of quarterly monitoring.</i>
	Please see actions detailed in Climate Change Strategy March 2008.				
	Work with the Carbon Trust to reduce Coventry City Council's carbon emissions by 50% by 2013				
	Environment Theme Group to undertake 5 pilot projects to galvanise thinking around climate change in the city				

5. Performance Indicators

Indicators - Performance Monitoring of Indicators								
Ref Nr	Description	Baseline	Target 08/09	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target Met Yes/No
Ni 186	Per Capita reduction in CO ₂ emissions in the LA area	2005 7.1 tonnes	6.9					
Other indicators that will be used to track progress, including disaggregated measures for target groups.								
NI 185	CO2 emitted by Local Authority							

6: Funding & Planned Spend

Funding & Planned Spend	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total	Comment/Rationale
Switched resource to fund climate change team	£85k	£85k	£85k		Resource switched to allow new strategy actions to be carried out.

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7: Risk Assessment

Ref No.	Risk	Mitigating action
1	City Council takes decisions that cause CO2 emissions to rise	Briefing of Management Board and Cabinet, scrutiny of decisions made. Use of Resources element of CAA.