

# Worcestershire County Council

## Sustainability Policy & Action Plan 2008/10 Progress Update

### A Promoting Sustainability at a Strategic Level within the Authority

Develop ways to ensure the Council's policies & decisions promote sustainable development			
ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET (T) / INDICATOR (I)	PROGRESS
<b>A1</b> Inclusion of sustainability statements, actions & targets in Directorate Performance Plans	Sustainability Stewards & Directorate Policy Officers, EA/SO	T: Inclusion in Directorate Plans for 08/09	Section on sustainability (including climate change mitigation and adaptation) included within the corporate section of directorate performance plans for 2009/10
<b>A2</b> Work towards scrutiny process including sustainability appraisal	S'OL, (Scrutiny), EA, Councillors, Sustainability Stewards	T: Sustainability appraisal part of scrutiny exercises by April 09	Sustainability issues are considered when planning scrutiny reviews. The new scrutiny panels have a role in monitoring the Council's performance in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy.
<b>A3</b> Carry out scrutiny exercise on tackling Climate change	S'OL, (Scrutiny), SO, EA, Councillors, Sustainability Stewards	T: scrutiny exercise carried out by Jan 2009	Climate Change Scrutiny Report presented to Council in May 2009. Full response to this report was provided by Cabinet Member for Waste and Sustainability in October 2009.
<b>A4</b> Review the way climate change is addressed in risk management process	WF (PEP), SO, EA	T: Review carried out by April 09	Climate change risk assessment has been completed and is to be reviewed May 2010. This risk assessment now accompanies business continuity plans.
<b>A5</b> Continue development of Sustainability Appraisal methodology for assessment of certain council strategies and plans.	D Bristow, EA		Council has now published a 'Joint SA framework' for planning, in partnership with all the districts – primarily for planning use, but can be adapted for other work areas (e.g. transport). This is subject to ongoing review, including through twice-yearly Joint SA group meetings.

**Raise awareness of councillors and managers at all levels of sustainability issues and their role in promoting and monitoring performance on sustainability:**

***Councillors***

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO'S INVOLVED</b>	<b>TARGET (T)/ INDICATOR (I)</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<b>A6</b> Consult members as part of review of Worcestershire Climate change Strategy	Sustainability Champions, All members,		All key stakeholders are consulted when the Climate Change Strategy is reviewed.
<b>A7</b> Run sustainability briefing events for councillors	Cabinet Member for PEP, Sustainability Champions, All members, relevant staff	T: 50% of all members attended briefing events by April 09	New member briefing was held at Bishops Wood 10/09/09. Approximately 17 members attended.
<b>A8</b> Involve members in Beacon Council activities including Beacon Council presentation	Cabinet Member for PEP, Sustainability Champions, All members, Beacon Coordinator, relevant staff	T: Beacon presentation to members by October 2008	Members were invited to all events run as part of the Beacon year. Where appropriate they gave presentations.

***Managers***

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO'S INVOLVED</b>	<b>TARGET/ INDICATOR</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<b>A9</b> Consult Directors and Heads of Service as part of review of Worcestershire Climate change Strategy	Directors & Service heads, EA	T: Consultation by Dec 08	All key stakeholders are consulted when the Climate Change Strategy is reviewed.
<b>A10</b> Run Beacon Council event for senior managers	Directors & Service heads, EA, relevant staff	T: Event run by June 2009	No specific event run for senior managers but all were invited to Beacon events. Some senior managers attended to speak at events.

**Facilitate cross directorate working on sustainability issues**

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
A11 Continue cross directorate sustainability groups and reports to COMB & DMTs on sustainability action programme	Sustainability Stewards	T: At least 6 minuted meetings held per year	Sustainability Stewards meet every two months. All meetings are minuted.

**Integrate equality of opportunity and respect for diversity into all aspects of the Council's activity on sustainable development**

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
A12 Review of Sustainability Programme to include EIA	EA/ Sustainability Stewards, PS	T: EIA complete	Equality Impact Assessment Desktop Screening Exercise completed (this is designed to establish if there is a need to carry out a full assessment). Full EIA not necessary.

**Allocate additional resources to sustainability work**

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
A13 Seek additional resources for energy management work	P Harris, EA	T: Funding allocated by April 09	Energy Manager and Energy Officer posts have been proposed through the Climate Change Scrutiny process. Funding is still to be secured for these posts.

## B Leading by Example - Addressing the Council's operational impacts on the community and environment

Reduce Carbon Emissions arising from Council Activities			
ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET (T) / INDICATOR (I)	PROGRESS
<b>B1</b> Implement carbon management programme	EA, SO(EM), PH, R&I, All Depts	T: Council to be carbon neutral by 2010  I: CO2 emissions	Original Carbon Management Programme (2005-2010) implemented. Carbon neutrality not achieved due to a number of reasons. New programme review commenced May 2010 in partnership with the Carbon Trust. A new Carbon Management Strategy is due for completion by the end of March 2011.
Improve Council's Energy Efficiency			
ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET (T) / INDICATOR (I)	PROGRESS
<b>B2</b> Develop spend-to-save programme to enable more energy efficiency measures to be introduced.	Financial Services, Property Services	T: Programme in place and recommendations implemented by March 09  I: Savings made	T: Spend-to-save programme agreed March 2010 - pot of £1million to be allocated over 3 years. Potential projects currently being drawn up.  I: Savings to be calculated once the programme is in place.
<b>B3</b> Develop policy to address rising electricity consumption from IT use	IBS, procurement, all Depts	T: Policy in place by March 2009. Stabilise / reduce electricity from IT use  I: Electricity from IT use	T: Sustainable ICT Strategy was in place by April 2010.  I: Difficult to calculate electricity use specifically for IT. IT power down settings pilot completed - awaiting results – looking to assess the likely savings achievable by implementing the new settings.
<b>B4</b> Explore opportunities to reduce energy use by street lighting	Env Services Derek Powell	T: Ongoing  I: Street lighting electricity consumption per year	T: Ongoing – now progressing energy efficient street lighting projects through the 10:10 campaign.  I: Street lighting consumption 2008/9 = 22,273,857 kWh 2009/10 = 21,668,566 kWh

## Improve Council's water efficiency

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET (T)/ INDICATOR (I)	PROGRESS
<b>B5</b> Develop & implement corporate water efficiency strategy	SO(EM), Property	T: Strategy in place by March 2009 I: Water use per year	T: Severn Trent/Aqualogic surveyed and installed water saving devices in the majority of Worcestershire schools, representing a significant investment.
<b>B6</b> Implement corporate water monitoring system	SO(EM), Property	T: system in place by March 2009 I: water use per year	T: WCC do not have anything in place for reducing water consumption other than we ask that 'Officers in Charge' check the water meter on a weekly basis.

## Reduce Staff travel by car

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>B7</b> Implementation of staff travel plan for County Hall campus	Corporate Services, Communications, All depts	T: Reduce single occupancy car travel to 60% by end March 2009 I: Single occupancy car travel	T: Reduced to 67% in Feb 2010. Travel Survey undertaken Feb 2010. County Hall Travel Plan complete May 2010 with updated values. Awaiting management approval.
<b>B8</b> Develop staff travel plans for locations away from County Hall	Debbie Hildick-Smith	T: Plans in place for sites by March 2009 I: Single occupancy car travel	T: Target for 20 new Employer TP's by March 2011

## Reduce council fleet and business travel

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<p><b>B9</b> Monitor and report on corporate transport energy use.</p>	<p>Finance</p>	<p>T: Annual reporting I: Fleet and business miles per year</p>	<p>T: Annual reporting through NI185. I: Fleet miles (inc. outsourced contracts) 2008/9 = 30,995,488.83 miles 2009/10 = <i>awaiting NI185 data</i>  Business miles (inc. outsourced contracts) 2008/9 = 8,640,094.34 miles 2009/10 = <i>awaiting NI185 data</i></p>
<p><b>B10</b> Reduce staff business mileage</p>	<p>All depts</p>	<p>T: Ongoing reduction I: Business miles per head per year</p>	<p>T: We have incorporated the Travel decision Tree into the Travel Plan, for managers to reference. Advisory only. I: Business miles detailed under B9 (above)</p>
<p><b>B11</b> Reduce energy use by council owned and contractor's vehicles.</p>	<p>Env Servs -Paul Smith, Nick Yarwood</p>	<p>T: ongoing reduction I: CO2 and NOx emissions per year</p>	<p>Enhanced Environmental Vehicle (EEV - exhaust emissions even lower than those set for Euro 5) buses purchased for Park &amp; Ride/ongoing consideration of engine size and capability in all capital purchases/eco-driving training used.</p>
<p><b>B12</b> Introduce/increase use of biodiesel (locally sourced/recycled waste oil) in fleet vehicles</p>	<p>Env Servs -Paul Smith, Nick Yarwood</p>	<p>T: ongoing increase I: % biodiesel used</p>	<p>Currently not looking to introduce bio-diesel due to (a) conflict with manufacturers of Fleet vehicles over warranty and (b) most fuel from bulk supply tank on site/no plans for additional bio-fuel bulk tank</p>

## Minimise the amount of waste produced by Council activities

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>B13</b> Develop and implement corporate waste strategy	SO(EM), Facilities	T: Strategy in place by March 2009	T: Waste questionnaire sent out to all WCC establishments. Facilities Steering Group has decided it is not cost effective or practical to try and implement a 'corporate' waste contract that would apply for all buildings.
<b>B14</b> Award & implement waste & recycling contract for pilot sites.	Procurement, Facilities, SO(EM), Finance	T: Contract in place I: Amount waste produced/ proportion reused or recycled	Will continue to encourage current arrangements as much as possible but there is not a business case for implementing what would be a costly and labour intensive process to try and bring all arrangements under a single contract.
<b>B15</b> Preparatory work for inclusion of other sites in waste & recycling contract e.g. waste audits, surveys	SO(EM), Procurement. All depts	T: Contract in place by I: Amount waste produced/ proportion reused or recycled	<i>See B14 (above)</i>
<b>B16</b> Reduce amount of paper consumed	KS, SO(EM), all depts	I: A4 reams of paper used	Paper supplied to WCC via Design & Print Services (County Hall):  2008/09 = 37,000 reams of A4 plus 500 reams of A3 2009/10 = 34,400 reams of A4 plus 300 reams of A3

## Ensure Sustainable construction & refurbishment of council property

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<p><b>B17</b> BREEAM good, very good or excellent standards to be achieved for new council school buildings &amp; major refurb</p>	<p>Property, ChS</p>	<p>T: All applicable buildings to achieve standard</p>	<p>T: Undertaking BREEAM assessments for all major schools projects and some others, too; and are targeting 'very good' on all of them. There are five new primary schools in Kidderminster undertaking the process at the moment, and it will also be a criterion for all the BSF schools. The new Worcester library is on target for BREEAM 'excellent'.</p>

## Promote Biodiversity

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<p><b>B18</b> Seek to ensure all relevant council operations follow best practice guidelines on biodiversity</p>	<p>PEP Env Policy team, all Depts</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NERC Due Diligence procedure now incorporated within Property Services project management systems. E-Learning module to raise awareness of biodiversity currently in production. Ongoing ecology consultations with Development Control (and directly with estates managers) has ensured oversight of over 100 schemes (including advocating for biodiversity enhancement measures where appropriate). NERC duty training planned for summer 2010.</p>
<p><b>B 19</b> Implement measures to enhance biodiversity in grounds of council owned buildings</p>	<p>PEP Env Policy team, all depts</p>	<p>T: Measures to be implemented at by March 2009  I: Number of measures implemented</p>	<p>Baseline of Road Verge Nature Reserves in good or favourable condition (actual number meeting this criteria to be confirmed). Target to bring 90-95% into good or improving condition by 2011. Target to secure contributions to Worcestershire BAP actions or biodiversity enhancement measures through every successful school planning application.</p>

## Reduce pollution from Council's activities

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>B20</b> Develop a corporate pollution reduction strategy	SO(EM), all depts	T: Strategy in place by March 09  I: No of reported pollution incidents	No specific need for a separate corporate pollution strategy - Transport Policy & Strategy Team is responsible for preparing the third Local Transport Plan which includes reducing transport impact on the environment (air quality included).  Specific pollution incidents already fit in with other emergency planning issues.

## Ensure the Council's procurement of goods & services promote Sustainable Development

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>B21</b> Work to ensure the corporate procurement strategy, especially KP13, is implemented, to include the following:	MH, EA,	T: ongoing  I: <i>See below</i>	<i>See below</i>
<b>B22</b> Specification of County agreed environmental, social & ethical requirements, within major contracts (to align with Corporate Procurement Strategy)	Contract Commissioners, MH, EA	T: ongoing  I: Number of major contracts specifying environmental, social & ethical requirements.	T: Social issues in Procurement Event was held in the Council Chamber to advise Procurement Community of opportunities.  I: This information is not currently available
<b>B23</b> Corporate requirement for Council's major suppliers to provide information on their environmental, social & ethical performance.	Contract commissioners, MH, EA, key purchasers.	T: ongoing  I: Number of suppliers who have provided information on their environmental, social & ethical performance.	T: Questions included in Council's pre-qualification questionnaire and information only requested when relevant to the subject matter of the contract.  I: This information is not currently available

<b>B24</b> Provision of assistance to Council's suppliers (especially SMEs) in improving their environmental, social & ethical performance.	EA, MH, MD, CM	I: Number of suppliers receiving assistance	I: A 'How to do business' guide has been published on the Council's Procurement pages.  Meet the buyer events have taken place to advise local businesses and highlight support available.
<b>B25</b> Encourage procurement of services & goods from local businesses	MG, SR, EA, MH	T: ongoing  I: Proportion of total annual procurement spent with local businesses	T: Meet the buyer events aimed at local businesses.  I: 70% of procurement with SMEs.
<b>B26</b> Encourage procurement of services & goods from social enterprises	MG, EA, MH,	T: ongoing  I: proportion of total annual procurement spent with social enterprises	T: Social issues in Procurement Event was held in the Council Chamber to advise Procurement Community of opportunities.  I: This information is not currently available
<b>B 27</b> Produce a guide for sustainable procurement considerations for internal use	EA, SO(P), MH	T: end of 2009	To be implemented during 2010
<b>B28</b> Promote availability of WMS Green List and Buying Consortia Sustainable Procurement Catalogue	All depts	T: ongoing  I: % of products purchased from green list	T: Promotion of the 'green list' to WCC buildings (excluding schools) is being undertaken through Sustainability Champions programme. Schools require a different approach - Plan to do a 'show and tell' to raise awareness of 'green list' products.  I: % of Total Sales (quantity) from Green List (including schools): 2008/09 = 20.11% 2009/10 = 20.29%
<b>B29</b> Work with WMS to improve sustainability of products supplied	EA	T: ongoing  I: number of items on WMS green list	T: Ongoing liaison with WMS regarding the sustainability of the products they supply. Quarterly sustainability meetings with WMS and WCC, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Councils.  I: Products on WMS green list -  2008/9 Office Green List = 299 Schools Version = 479  2009/10 Office Green List = 293 Schools Version = 468

<b>B30</b> Continue roll-out of council Fairtrade policy	All depts	T: ongoing	Promote Fairtrade fortnight annually. More Fairtrade items sold by new caterers (Aspens) at County Hall.
<b>B31</b> Monitor procurement of recycled paper	All depts	T: Increase % of A4 paper used that is 100% recycled	<p>WCC policy that all white photocopier paper procured is 100% recycled.</p> <p>Financial year 08/09 figures show WCC procured 72% recycled A4 and 39% recycled A3.</p> <p>Schools are by far the biggest procurers of non-recycled paper. Cost is a significant issue. Schools procuring non-recycled have been identified and will be contacted. Raise awareness through 'show and tell' events for school bursars and bringing attention to environmental and economic benefits.</p>
<b>Raise staff awareness of environmental, social and ethical issues at work and at home</b>			
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO'S INVOLVED</b>	<b>TARGET/ INDICATOR</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<b>B32</b> Roll-out of Green Champions scheme	DB, KB, SO(P), JO	I: Number of staff who have attended Green Champions workshops	<p>34 members of staff from ACS have attended Green Champions training.</p> <p>The programme will be rolled out to all Directorates under the Sustainability Champions scheme from May 2010.</p>
<b>B33</b> Explore possibility of including sustainability in staff review & development scheme	KC, EA		This will not be a feature of the SRD scheme.
<b>B34</b> Inclusion of sustainability in corporate & local induction schemes	KC, EA, All depts	T: Ongoing inclusion & updating	Sustainability is a feature in corporate and local inductions. The Wicked Issues course is promoted at Corporate Induction as a course that all staff should attend (see B36).

<b>B35</b> Develop improved monitoring system for attendance at sustainability training events	EA, KC, RC, DB	T: In place by March 2009	All staff who have attended Wicked Issues training will have it recorded on their training records, as will those who attend Sustainability Champions training.
<b>B36</b> Deliver Wicked Issues training as introduction to sustainability for staff at all levels	EA, KC, SD(P)	T: 6 courses per year	Wicked issues course has been delivered every 2 months and has an attendance of 20-25 staff for each course. Since 1 April 2008 we have run 9 events in total, with 167 staff attending.
<b>B37</b> Promote staff intranet pages on sustainability	SD(P)	T: ongoing I: no. of hits	T: The staff intranet pages on sustainability need completely redesigning. We do not currently promote them to staff, instead choosing to use the Green Directory (our public facing site) to promote sustainability messages.
<b>B38</b> Include staff as an audience in awareness raising activities	SD(P), JO, Env servs, RD	T: ongoing I: No. of staff taking part in activities	See below (B39)
<b>B39</b> Staff awareness raising campaigns specifically for staff	SD(P), all depts	T: ongoing I: No. of staff taking part in activities	T: Employee engagement events at County Hall and satellite offices with Energy Saving Trust to promote energy efficiency. Fairtrade awareness raising. Sustainability supported WCC Health Fayre. I: The number of staff taking part in all of these activities is not currently recorded.
<b>B40</b> Implement internal sustainability communications plan	SD(P), all depts	T: ongoing I: number of articles in newsletters etc	T: Communications plan has been developed for Sustainability team's activity. This includes internal and external communications activity.

**Ensure the Council takes into account and adapts to the impacts of climate change on its operations and services**

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>B41</b> Develop a council climate change adaptation strategy	EA, SD(P), all depts	T: Council to have reached stage 2 of NI 188 by end March 2009	Target achieved. Climate change adaptation action plan now complete. Level 2 target for 2010.
<b>B42</b> Use of UKCIP adaptation wizard in design & development of new/refurbished council properties	Property Services	T: ongoing	Now use climate change checklist. UKCIP consulted during the design process for the new Worcester Library and History Centre. Latest projections (UKCP09) also used.

**C Promoting Sustainable Development In The Wider Community - *Ensuring sustainable development throughout the County***

<b>Work with schools, colleges &amp; other organisations to develop awareness &amp; action on sustainability by Worcestershire's Citizens</b>			
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO'S INVOLVED</b>	<b>TARGET (T)/ INDICATOR (I)</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<b>C1</b> Implement Learning for Sustainability Strategy	RB, AL	<p>T: 75% of LEA Schools registered as EcoSchools by or actively engaged with Sustainable Schools Framework by March 2010</p> <p>T: 50% of LEA schools achieved silver or green Eco Schools award by March 2010</p> <p>I: EcoSchools (a) registered (b) green flagged</p>	<p>T: At the end of March 2010 there were 248 schools, private Nurseries and Private Schools registered with Eco Schools in Worcestershire.</p> <p>85% of LA schools (212) registered as EcoSchools</p> <p>T: 50% of LA schools (123) with either Silver Award or Green Flag Awards</p> <p>I: a) 85% of LA schools registered b) 22% LA schools with Green Flags</p>
<b>C2</b> Raise awareness at public events	Sustainability Team	I: Events attended/ no. people participating in activities	Ongoing. We regularly attend relevant public events.
<b>C3</b> Develop awareness raising materials for use by other organisations	Sustainability Team	I: Amount of use	Main awareness raising tool that can be used by other organisations is the Green Directory. This website provides information that can be downloaded and used e.g. the Sustainable Business Action Plan.
<b>C4</b> Promote Worcestershire Green Directory	Sustainability Team	I: Green Directory website hits	<p>The Green Directory is regularly promoted at public events. It is now being used as a site to promote the Living for Tomorrow campaign and the web address is listed on all promotional materials and media releases.</p> <p>I: From 01 October 2009 to 31 December 2009 the Green Directory pages had a total of 1,868 visits. The most visited page was the home page. So far this year (01 Jan 2010-08 June 2010) the site has had 2,758 visits. Most visited page was "At Home – Waste and Recycling".</p>

## Help Worcestershire's Citizens to adopt more sustainable lifestyles

### *Encourage Citizens to reduce their carbon footprints*

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>C5</b> Develop an Act On CO2 style carbon calculator for use by Worcestershire citizens	SD(P), IBS web team	T: In place by date I: Number of people using the calculator	Not completed as other online calculators are available

### *Encourage Home Energy Efficiency*

<b>C6</b> Develop a service level agreement with an appropriate agency to deliver home energy efficiency measures	EA, SD(P), DB,	T: SLA in place	Act on Energy have SLA with District Councils and support WCC and Partnership work.
<b>C7</b> Run switch it off campaign in 2008	SD(P)	T: Run in October 2008 and November 2009 I: Participants in activities/ website hits/ electricity consumption during the campaign	I: Worcestershire achieved a 5.8 MWh reduction in energy during the two hour switch off in 2008 and 10.6Mwh reduction in 2009

### *Encourage the use of Sustainable Transport*

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<b>C8</b> Deliver the Local Transport Plan to include; Smarter Choices, promotion of sustainable modes, management of public transport networks, delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure projects	Serena Jenner/ Wayne Arthur/ Ed Dursley (ES)	T: Reduction in number of single occupancy car journeys T: Increase in public transport patronage	T: Programme of Smarter Choices ongoing – awareness raising, education and support. 100% of schools have travel plans, approx 35 businesses have active Travel Plans, during 2009/10 road safety education has delivered cycle training to approx 4000 pupils and pedestrian training to approx 4500 children.  T: Bus passenger journeys originating in Worcestershire - 2007/8 - 15,797,162 2008/9 - 16,849,017 2009/10 - 17,051,918

### **Encourage Waste Minimisation**

<p><b>C9</b> Deliver the Municipal Waste Strategy to include;</p> <p>a) Meeting the challenge of Climate Change by viewing waste as a resource;</p> <p>b) Commitment to the Waste Hierarchy of which Waste Prevention is the top;</p> <p>c) Influencing Government, Waste Producers and the Wider Community;</p> <p>d) Continued Commitment to Re-use, Recycling and Composting</p> <p>e) Minimising The Use Of Landfill</p>	<p>Joint Herefordshire and Worcestershire Waste Resource Management Forum</p>	<p>T: To achieve the national reductions in household residual waste (waste not re-used, recycled or composted) of 29% by 31st March 2010 based on 2000 levels.</p> <p>T: To achieve national recycling/composting levels of household waste of 40% by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 as a minimum.</p> <p>T: By 2015 or earlier if practicable, we will recover value from a minimum of 78% of municipal waste.</p> <p>T: The Partnership will work together to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste landfilled in order to meet the yearly allowances set by Government under the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme. Target - 154,164 tonnes during April 2009 to March 2010.</p>	<p>T: On Target - Expected out turn for NI191 (residual household waste collected per household) in 2009/10 is 615.68 kg/hh. The target figure is 763 kg/hh (revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2004-2034 for Herefordshire and Worcestershire).</p> <p>T: On Target - Expected out turn for NI192 (household waste recycled, reused or composted) in 2009/10 is 42.08%.</p> <p>T: Expected out turn for NI193 (percentage of Municipal Solid Waste Landfilled) in 2009/10 is 45.45%. Therefore, the percentage recovery is 54.55%, up from 53.5% in 2008/09.</p> <p>T: On Target - Expected out turn for Biodegradable Municipal Waste to landfill tonnage in 2009/10 is 133,222.</p> <p><i>NOTE: all of the actual end of year figures for all of these targets will be validated through WasteDataFlow at the end of September 2010.</i></p>
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### **Promote Biodiversity**

<p><b>C10</b> Deliver the County Biodiversity Action Plan</p>	<p>Becky Lashley and Alex Kinnersley</p>	<p>T: WCC to sign up to revised Worcestershire BAP habitat targets (developed 2010)</p> <p>T: WCC to take a lead role in development</p>	<p>Delivery of Worcestershire Habitat Inventory project and development of Biodiversity Opportunity and Priority Areas Maps. Entry of WCC-owned/managed Country Parks into Higher Level Stewardship schemes. Funding of grassland Local Wildlife Sites survey project in 2009. Hosting of Worcestershire Biodiversity website.</p>
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**Work to influence the LSP to ensure that policies and decisions reflect the LSP's core values, including those that relate to sustainable development**

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET (T) / INDICATOR (I)	PROGRESS
C11 Encourage use of WP Integration tool	WP members, WPEG members		Use of WP Integration Tool to be reviewed from April 2010.

**Work with other LSP partners in developing and implementing County Climate Change Strategy**

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET (T)/ INDICATOR (I)	PROGRESS
C12 Review County Climate Change Strategy	DBristow, EA, SO(P) County Climate Change Group	T: Revised Strategy published by Jan 09	Complete. Review of strategy completed and updated version published at <a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sustainability">www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sustainability</a>
C13 Develop support programme to help organisations implement pledge actions	DBristow, EA, SO(P) County Climate Change Group		Climate Change Pledge is being re-developed to make it easier to use. When the pledge is requested it will be sent out with a revised advice booklet.
C14 Develop County Climate change pledge programme for communities & parishes (Low carbon communities)	EA, SO(P) County Climate Change Group		A County Climate Change pledge for communities and parishes could be developed further but research should be done into whether or not it will be used. Many communities now have Transition Groups and may not feel the need to have such a document.
C15 Develop renewable energy strategy for county	Ben Horovitz County Climate Change Group		A renewable energy strategy is currently in the early stages of development. The agreed objectives of the Strategy are to: better understand concerns of the public; build a strategy to inform the public of the benefits of RE schemes; investigate methods for community involvement; identify best practice for pre-application consultation by developers; identify opportunities for using LA or LSP partners' land for development of demonstration project(s) for RE; propose RE standards for new development; provide the context for the provision of renewable energy in the County and positively contribute to CAA. It is hoped to have the Strategy completed by Winter 2010.

## Improve the environmental performance of local businesses

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<p><b>C16</b> Help source funding &amp; develop Environmental Business advice programme</p>	<p>Worcs Management Centre, Chamber of Commerce, SO (EM), EA</p>	<p>T: No. of events run for the Environmental business advice programme</p>	<p>The Green Directory is currently WCC's main source of environmental business advice. Working to support the Worcestershire Environmental Business Group but were unable to offer them any funding. Managed to find them some support from Business Link, with whom they are now running events on resource efficiency.</p>
<p><b>C17</b> Work with Destination Worcestershire to promote environmental improvement in the tourism sector</p>	<p>Destination Worcestershire, SO (P)</p>	<p>T: Green tourism web pages set up and Green tourism tool kit established</p>	<p>T: There are Tourism pages in the Business section of the Green Directory. Sustainable Tourism Action Plan (tool kit) available on these pages.</p> <p>Destination Worcestershire has received funding which will enable them to run further events in this area with support from the Sustainability Team.</p>

## Encourage the development of social enterprise & enterprises based on environmentally sustainable technology

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS
<p><b>C18</b> Support Worcestershire Rural hub in development of energy from biomass programme</p>			<p>Tenbury Biomass Power Project – proposed biomass CHP plant was rejected at pre-application planning stage.</p>

## Identify and address equality and diversity issues in sustainable development work in the wider community

ACTION	WHO'S INVOLVED	TARGET/ INDICATOR	PROGRESS:
<p><b>C19</b> Establish links with local faith/community groups &amp; work together on climate change issues</p>	<p>County Climate Change Group</p>	<p>T: Consultation carried out as part of Climate change strategy review by Dec 08</p>	<p>All key stakeholders are consulted when the Climate Change Strategy is reviewed.</p>

<b>C20</b> Carry out EIA on Climate Change Strategy	County Climate Change Group	T: EIA complete	Equality Impact Assessment Desktop Screening Exercise completed (this is designed to establish if there is a need to carry out a full assessment). Full EIA not necessary.
<b>C21</b> Consultation on sustainability issues through community faith groups and at Community Fayres	SO (P)	I: Contribution to community fairs	Sustainability attended the Community Fayres, which aimed to take information on council services and advice to ethnic minority groups within the main urban areas
<b>Share best practise on sustainable development and actively participate in networks regionally, nationally and internationally</b>			
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<b>C22</b> Continue active participation in WMSDON, regional CCP etc.	EA	I: Attendance at regular meetings, seminars and workshops	Continued active participation in WMSDON by the Sustainability Team and other regional climate change groups.
<b>C23</b> Deliver Tackling Climate Change Beacon year (2008/9)	EA, Beacon Coordinator, relevant staff	T: No. of events attended by June 09  T: No of events run by June 09	T: During the Beacon year we successfully hosted three 'open day' events, attended (in total) by 161 people from 82 different authorities/businesses.  T: We hosted an additional 42 events/activities during this period and attended 44.  We also received and responded to a total of 39 enquiries from 30 different organisations on issues surrounding sustainability and climate change.

