

Climate Change Strategy Highlight Report 9/1/09

Period

September 2008 – January 2009

Budget Status

Annual budget of £1500

Remaining £350

Due to no recurring LACMP budget, the remaining funds will be split between the Switch Off! Campaign and assisting Transition Torbay during February 2008 with a community engagement project in St. Marychurch Babbacombe.

A budget request of £20000 has been made for 2009/10 to implement a climate change awareness campaign across Torbay. An unconfirmed payment from the DCLG may be used for this purpose. Awaiting confirmation.

Schedule Status

- The implementation of the majority of projects within the Climate Change Strategy is progressing on schedule – please see attached spreadsheet ‘2008 Action Plan’ for full details.

Products Completed

- Online climate change resource created at www.torbay.gov.uk/climatechange signposting residents to relevant services and external bodies. Website publicised at Torbay Green Day, in local press during Energy Saving Week (October 2008), Paignton Zoo Green Solutions Festival (November 2008) and at community events, inc. Credit Crunch Forums.
- Torbay Green Day – September 2008 in partnership with Strategic Transport. Over 1700 people visited the marquee to learn about low carbon transport, energy efficiency, recycling, water efficiency, renewable energy, fair trade and regional work on climate change.
- Implemented workplace recycling
- Designed a structure of a proposed climate change awareness campaign with the Communications Team
- Designed a ‘Green Business Award’ criteria in partnership with the Federation of Small Businesses
- Two, 2 hour sustainable energy workshops delivered to Executive Heads and Members with the assistance of the Energy Saving Trust during December 2008. Awaiting workshop report from Energy Saving Trust. Poor attendance from Executive Heads and Members.

Actual/Potential Problems

- Patrick Carney will need funding to produce a database of structures that may be at risk from a future reduction in soil integrity. This project is not scheduled for

completion until 2012 but Doug Eltham will work with Highways and Engineering during 2009/10 to obtain quotes for such work.

- The Climate Change Strategy includes an adopted action to make office and copier paper used by the council to have at least 80% recycled content. Currently the council uses the cheapest paper available through the existing stationery supplier, Lyreco. This practice has to change if KLOE 'Use of Resources' scores are to improve. Historically Lyreco has been unwilling to reduce the price of recycled content paper but hopefully the new stationery provider can do a deal. If not, there will be a cost implication to the council.

Products to be Completed during Next Period

- Finalise the design of the climate change awareness campaign with partners – Energy Saving Trust, Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, Envision, Groundwork, Torbay Development Agency
- Integrate the 'South West Sustainability Checklist' and the 'Adapting to Climate Change: A Checklist for Development' into the Development Control Process
- Conduct a staff climate change awareness survey
- Determine status of the project to replace the Ceremonial Mayor's car with lower carbon alternative
- Liaise with Property and Procurement to negotiate discounted price for 80% recycled content paper with new stationery supplier
- Assist the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust in investigating the potential for Torbay's woodlands to provide a local biomass fuel
- Fairtrade Fortnight – February 2008
- Launch the Green Business Award with the Federation of Small Businesses
- Assist Transition Torbay with an energy efficiency initiative in St Marychurch and Babbacombe
- Achieve Torbay Strategic Partnership interest in community based environmental sustainability projects