

The Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change

Herefordshire Council recognises that Climate Change is likely to be one of the key drivers of change within our community this century.

We acknowledge that

- Evidence continues to mount that climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will have far reaching effects on the UK's economy, society and environment.

We welcome the

- Social, economic and environmental benefits which will come from combating climate change.
- Recognition by many sectors, especially government and business, of the need for change.
- Emissions targets agreed by central government and the programme for delivering change as set out in the *Climate Change - UK Programme*.
- Opportunity for local government to lead the response at a local level and thereby play a major role in helping to deliver the national programme.
- Opportunity for us to encourage and help local residents and local businesses - to reduce their energy costs, to reduce congestion, to improve the local environment and to deal with fuel poverty in our communities.
- Additional powers to address the social, economic and environmental well-being of our communities contained within the Local Government Act 2000, which will assist in this process.
- Endorsement of this declaration by central government.

We commit our Council to

- Work with central government to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK climate change programme.
- Prepare a plan with our local communities, by the end of March 2008 to address the causes and effects of climate change and to secure maximum benefit for our communities.
- Publicly declare, within the plan, the commitment to achieve a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from our own authority's operations especially energy sourcing and use, travel and transport, waste production and disposal and the purchasing of goods and services.
- Encourage all sectors in the local community to take the opportunity to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- Work with key providers, including the health community, businesses and development organisations, to assess the potential effects of climate change on our communities, and to identify ways in which we can adapt.
- Provide opportunities for the development of renewable energy generation within our area.
- Monitor the progress of our plan against the actions needed and publish the results.

		
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Leader of the Council

Chief Executive

Elliot Marley MP

Minister of State for Environment
and Agri-Environment