

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



Monday 1st February 2010

at 4.00 pm

**in Committee Room B,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

Councillors S Akers-Belcher, Barker, R W Cook, Coward, Fleming, J Marshall, Rogan, Worthy and Wright

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge and Brenda Loynes

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
No items
- 4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**
No items.
- 5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**
No items.
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS**
No items.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Investigation into Climate Change and Carbon Management

7.1 Evidence from Key Stakeholders:-

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer; and*
- (b) Verbal evidence from a representative from the Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit;
- (c) Verbal evidence from a representative from the North East Climate Change Partnership; and
- (d) Verbal evidence from a representative from Friends of the Earth

7.2 Evidence from the Council's Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department:-

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer;*
- (b) Presentation on climate change and awareness in the community – *Environmental Standards Manager / Climate Change Officer*

7.3 Feedback from the Climate Change Activity Session held on 6 November 2009:-

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer; and*
- (b) Verbal feedback – *Members of the Forum*

7.4 Feedback from the Climate Change Focus Group held on 11 January 2010:-

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer; and*
- (b) Verbal feedback – *Members of the Forum*

Scrutiny Database

7.5 Six Monthly Monitoring of Agreed Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum's Recommendations – *Scrutiny Support Officer*

8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM THE FORWARD PLAN

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Monday, 15 February 2010, commencing at 4.00 p.m in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM REPORT

1 February 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON MANAGEMENT –
EVIDENCE FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS –
COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Forum that key stakeholders have been invited to attend this meeting to give evidence in relation to the ongoing inquiry into 'Climate Change and Carbon Management'.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 17 August 2009, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry / Sources of Evidence for this scrutiny investigation were approved by the Forum.
- 2.2 Consequently, representatives from the following key groups have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss their views on climate change and carbon management:-
- (a) Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (written statement to support verbal evidence is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report);
 - (b) North East Climate Change Partnership; and
 - (c) Friends of the Earth.
- 2.3 Written evidence has been received from the Tees and Durham Energy Advice, which is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum consider the views of the key stakeholders in relation to the evidence provided.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in preparation of this report:-

- (a) Scrutiny Investigation into Climate Change and Carbon Management –
Scoping Report (Scrutiny Support Officer) – 14.08.09

Written evidence from Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

1. How do you plan to meet the challenges of Climate Change and Carbon Management?

Formally established in 2005, the Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership includes Hartlepool Borough Council and all of the other Tees Valley Local Authorities, the Environment Agency, RENEW, Tees and Durham Energy Advice Centre, and the Energy Savings Trust. The first Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy was adopted in 2007.

The partnership is being expanded and now includes the University of Teesside. A revised climate change strategy has been drafted, reflecting significant changes in the national policy context and the desire to engage other sectors.

The vision of the Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership is “*creating prosperous and resilient communities in a low carbon economy.*” The draft Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy details the key vulnerabilities, opportunities, mitigation and adaptation options in the following areas:

- Business support
- Housing
- Connectivity
- Creating quality of place
- Communication and awareness raising - which is vital to achieving substantial emissions reductions and adapting lifestyles and property.

The short term actions and targets contained in the draft Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy are based on the existing action plans of the Local Authorities, and actions that are needed at sub-regional level based on the recommendations of the Committee on Climate Change and the Tees Valley Business Case for Development. The strategy seeks to harmonise existing best practise across the sub-region and integrate Local Authority action on climate change with the economic development of the Tees Valley. The draft Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy has set medium term targets in line with the UK carbon budgets, and the medium term targets will be delivered through the existing mechanisms of the revised Tees Valley Unlimited Business Plan.

All of the Tees Valley Local Authorities have, or are currently producing a carbon management plan to address emissions arising from their own operations, and the Carbon Reduction Commitment will drive improvements in energy efficiency in Local Authorities. All of the local authorities are reporting on the climate change National Indicators 185 (CO₂ reduction from local authority operations), 186 (per capita reduction in CO₂ emissions in the LA area), and 188 (Planning to Adapt to Climate Change). Hartlepool will have developed an Adaptation Strategy and Plan by March 2010.

Written evidence from Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

The Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership (TVCCP) are actively seeking to expand the partnership to other private and public sector organisations, and is developing a climate change charter which will include a commitment from organisations to reduce their carbon footprint. The Tees Valley Green Business Network is currently piloting an environmental award scheme in Middlesbrough that will help to promote the climate change charter to organisations. It is intended to extend this scheme to the whole Tees Valley, including Hartlepool, early in 2010.

All of the North East Local Authorities, including Hartlepool Borough Council, have signed up to the Covenant of Mayors initiative, which is a commitment to reduce CO₂ emissions in the local authority territory by at least 20% by 2020.

2. Do you have any suggestions to help raise awareness of climate change in the community?

There is a regional programme of workshops to raise awareness of the recently published UK Climate Impacts Programme UK Climate Change Projections from 16th to 20th November 2009. The Council is recommended to send an officer/officers to receive technical training on using the software associated with the projections on Wednesday 18th November 2009, at the Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough.

(<http://bookwhen.com/climatefuturesnortheast>)

TVCCP would like to organise screenings of the Age of Stupid film for elected members and other interested people in Hartlepool before the UNFCCC convenes in Copenhagen on December 7th 2009. Friends of the Earth are willing to organise the screenings in partnership with the Local Authorities, as part of their 'Get Serious about CO₂' campaign. In this way, the cost is limited to approximately £150 instead of a far higher fee were the Council to apply for a license to show it in its own right.

To raise share good practice in raising awareness about climate change, the Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership is currently discussing how to develop the concept of a Carbon Achievement Zone for the Tees Valley with the Energy Savings Trust. The concept is based on providing coherent and targeted messages on climate change, and providing a framework to coordinate climate change related activities such as home insulation and retrofitting.

3. Are there any specific initiatives aimed at reducing the use of energy resources which you feel would be of benefit to the Council?

- Initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors will support measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in Hartlepool. All local authorities in the North East have signed up to the Covenant and are using a

Written evidence from Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

common carbon planning tool to develop Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP). These will identify options for reducing carbon emissions in the local authority territory by at least 20% by 2020. This may facilitate joint procurement of low carbon technologies and services.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has designed a loan package specifically to support investment associated with the Covenant of Mayors. The SEAPs developed by local authorities, including Hartlepool Council, can be used to unlock financing opportunities through the EIB. ANEC and ONE North East have approached the EIB to apply for support to develop a business case for investment in the North East, and the SEAPs.

- One North East currently has an open call for ERDF project/operation proposals in support of innovative energy efficiency measures to demonstrate and test the application of renewable energy technologies for existing social housing.
- The 10:10 initiative is a public commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 10% by 2010. Several Local Authorities have signed up already, including Hartlepool Borough Council. The TVCCP has also signed up.

Websites of initiatives mentioned:

Covenant of Mayors:
<http://www.eumayors.eu/>

ONE North East ERDF:
<http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/erdf/firstcall.cfm>

10:10:
<http://www.1010uk.org/>

Written Evidence from Tees and Durham Energy Advice (TADEA)

1. How do you plan to meet the challenges of Climate Change and Carbon Management?

TADEA Ltd is a non-profit energy advice company operating across the North of England. We have offices in Billingham and Newcastle. All of our operations are compliant with our ISO 14001 accreditation and our sustainability policy.

2. Do you have any suggestions to help raise awareness of climate change in the community?

TADEA Ltd holds the contract for the Energy Saving Trust advice centre in the North East of England. This service provides free and impartial energy advice to households and communities. Outreach events can be arranged to raise awareness in specific communities.

3. Are there any specific initiatives aimed at reducing the use of energy resources which you feel would be of benefit to the Council?

TADEA Ltd currently deliver Hartwarmers in Hartlepool. Hartwarmers is funded through Single Housing Investment Programme, the PCT and Utilities to provide energy efficiency measures to the most vulnerable households in Hartlepool. The Mayor of Hartlepool is a strong advocate of the initiative which has helped ~ 3500 homes to date.

TADEA LTD, can also provide tailored energy audits and training for council buildings and staff.

Climate Change and Carbon Management _ Environment Agency Submission to Hartlepool Council Scrutiny Investigation

How the Environment Agency is meeting the challenges of Climate Change and Carbon Management

The Environment Agency is playing a central role on climate change. Our work covers both reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, commonly known as mitigation, and managing the impacts of climate change, or adaptation.

We are addressing climate change and carbon management in two ways:

- In our role as the Government's principal environmental advisor and regulator
- In how we carry out our own operations

As a regulator and advisor

Mitigation

Currently, around 40 per cent of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions are covered by regulatory and economic schemes we implement. This will grow to 48 per cent by 2012.

For industries that we regulate, we consider their energy use and limit releases of pollutants in the permits we issue. We also help to run some of the main carbon trading schemes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: the EU Emissions Trading Scheme, the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme, and Aviation and the EU ETS.

Through our regulatory work and advisory role, we support the development and use of low-carbon technologies, including renewables, carbon capture and storage, and nuclear power, while minimising other environmental impacts. Some aspects we are involved with are:

- Carbon capture and storage
- Landfill gas emissions
- Climate change and nuclear power
- Water industry carbon reduction
- Small scale hydropower
- Ground Source Heat Pumps
- Biomass and biofuels
- Marine renewables

Adaptation

Action needs to be taken to adapt to unavoidable climate change and build resilience against higher temperatures, rising sea levels and extreme rainfall patterns. Our focus is to make sure that England and Wales are able to adapt to the changing climate, and particularly the increasing risks of river and coastal flooding, the growing pressures on water supplies for people and the environment and the consequences of a changing climate for biodiversity.

The Environment Agency is leading on adaptation to climate change in:

- **Flood risk management**

With climate change increasing the risk of flooding due to more intense and prolonged winter rainfall, the Environment Agency is already investing more than half a billion pounds annually in flood risk management. The benefit of increased investment to protect property from flooding outweighs the cost of cleaning up after the damage is done, by a ratio of 6:1.

We advise planners and developers on the flood risk of new developments, discouraging development in areas at risk of flooding.

- **Coastal realignment strategy**

Recent changes to grant aid distribution to local authorities have given a bigger role to the Environment Agency in determining a strategic approach to coastal management in England. Greater attention is now being given by the Environment Agency to the issue of coastal adaptation in the face of sea-level rise.

- **Managing water resources**

Climate change is likely to increase the frequency and severity of summer droughts, as well as increase demand for bathing and gardening water. Coupled with rising demand both from existing households and from new housing we shall see major pressure on our finite water resources. In the face of these pressures the Environment Agency is taking steps to ensure that water resources are managed more flexibly and used more efficiently

- **Biodiversity conservation**

The Environment Agency will lead efforts to ensure that natural wetlands are protected and new habitats created to ensure native species are able survive in the face of climate change.

To help local government assess the risks of climate change, the Local Government Association, Environment Agency and United Kingdom Climate Impacts Programme have jointly produced the guidance 'be aware be prepared take action'.

Our own operations

We also seek to lead by example in how we carry out our own activities. We have committed to reducing our CO₂ emissions by 30 per cent by 2012 from 2006/07 levels. As part of our internal environmental management process we report on our carbon emissions on a quarterly basis.

We are taking action across our organisation to reduce our CO₂, for example, by introducing energy efficiency measures in our buildings, improving our use of technology and buying lower emission vehicles for our fleet. All of our offices, depots and sites have been switched to green electricity tariffs - saving more than 17,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

We have made funding available for projects that reduce our emissions – examples of the projects funded:

- Solar hot water panels
- Installation of intelligent lighting system
- Large scale wind turbine

- Installation of photovoltaic cells
- Installation of voltage optimisation technology at five trial sites
- Energy efficient hand dryers (Dyson airblades) to reduce energy consumption

We take carbon emissions into account in our capital flood defence schemes (a major element of our expenditure). We developed a carbon calculator to work out the impact on the climate of our major construction works. It enables us to make informed low carbon choices. The tool calculates the embodied CO₂ of materials and the carbon emissions associated with their transportation. It also considers personal travel, site activities and waste management. We use the construction carbon calculator during the design and construction of our schemes to allow the total carbon footprint of the project to be predicted.

For public events we organise we use green event good practice pointers to reduce the carbon impact.

We also encourage our staff to be aware of the actions that they can take to help reduce our emissions e.g.

- rethinking the need to travel e.g. holding phone / video conferences rather than travelling to meetings – thinking about the way to travel when it is necessary, avoiding car travel where possible, using public transport, car sharing when car travel is necessary, working from home when appropriate (we provide the IT to enable this).
- saving energy by simple measures e.g. not leaving computers lighting on unnecessarily – making the most of natural lighting.
- saving on printing - not printing documents or e-mails unless necessary – setting printer default to two sided printing.

Results

Over the last two years the Environment Agency has cut its carbon footprint by 14%. The Environment Agency has pledged to do even more to reduce its impact on the environment by participating in the 10:10 campaign which aims to cut carbon emissions by 10% in 2012

Our pledge to cut carbon emissions is part of our overall commitment to reduce the environmental impact of all parts of the organisation. As part of this commitment, we are:

- Reducing the miles driven by our staff. Over the last two years we have already reduced its mileage by 8.9 million miles;
- Working with developers to create the greenest office development in the UK for our new corporate office in Bristol;
- Forming a strategic partnership to develop large scale wind turbines on our land;
- Rolling out technology to reduce energy use in our buildings by 15%;
- Purchasing over 99% of electricity from renewable sources;
- Operating one of the greenest, award winning transport fleets in the country;
- Closely managing temperature and lighting in buildings to reduce energy;
- Diverting food waste from landfill; and investing in rainwater harvesting, waterless urinals and spray taps.

Suggestions to raise awareness of climate change in the community

Raise awareness in schools

Schools provide one route for raising awareness and taking action on climate change – both directly within the school and beyond through links with the school's wider community.

Defra's Climate Challenge has funded two initiatives that focus on young people and raise their awareness of climate change.

For children aged 7-14 there is the Carbonator website (<http://www.carboncontrol.org.uk/carbonator/default.aspx>), which has been designed as the junior version of the Act on CO2 online calculator.

For 11-18 year olds, a website called 'Your climate your life' (<http://www.yourclimateyourlife.org.uk/>) has been developed. The website is linked to the geography curriculum and provides a wealth of information, interactive features, images and downloads. It has been developed in partnership with schools to engage and inspire teachers and students to understand climate change.

The Carbon Trust have produced a document entitled "Saving energy in schools (ECG073) - A guide for headteachers; governors; premises managers and school energy managers", which is available to download from their website.

The DCSF have produced a guide for schools on "Energy and Water Management".

Most of the "doorways" of the national Sustainable Schools Framework are relevant to climate change.

More information on how schools can save energy can be found at the Eco-Schools website.

North East Climate Change Schools Project

The Climate Change Schools Project is an exciting and unique programme initially piloted in the North East of England between 2007–2009.

It is a partnership between Science Learning Centre North East, Durham University, the Environment Agency (funded by the Northumbria Regional Flood Defence Committee) ClimateNE, One World Network North East, the North East Strategic Partnership for Sustainable Schools and the Association of North East Councils. The NRFDC is the lead sponsor of the project.

Every Local Authority in the North East is represented in the Climate Change Lead Schools network.

The purpose of the project is to enable schools to embed climate change throughout the national curriculum and showcase schools as 'centres of excellence' in climate change teaching, learning and positive action in their local communities.

Since 2007, the project has established a network of over 100 Climate Change Lead Schools, who

- make use of the extensive, creative and dynamic resources developed especially for the Lead Schools by the schools themselves (time volunteered by teachers);
- take part in a programme of tailored professional development;
- engage in an ongoing support network for one another through regular 'Sharing of Best Practice'.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, Climate Change Lead Schools participated in over 14,000 hours of activity bringing climate change issues to life for thousands of young people, for schools and local communities.

Climate Change Lead Schools have been using their leadership roles to become 'hubs of excellence' in showcasing positive climate change action. These activities have included 'global warming musicals', organising community 'Eco-Walks', Climate Change Weeks, energy audits, which have saved some schools thousands of pounds, and leading their communities to become more resilient to climate change impacts (i.e. climate change adaptation).

For more detailed information see: <http://www.slcne.org.uk/climatechange/>

In Hartlepool there are currently six Climate Change Lead Schools in 2009-2010

- Hart Primary School
- St. Peter's Elwick Primary School
- Barnard Grove Primary School
- St. Hild's School
- High Tunstall College of Science
- Seaton Carew Nursery School

4 of these schools were involved with the project in the last academic year and have re-registered as Lead Schools this year. There is the opportunity to promote participation more widely. Recruitment occurs on an annual basis and the next round begins in May.

There may also be scope to link the schools' achievements through the CCSP more closely to the work of the Council on climate change.

Raising awareness in business and the public sector

The Envirowise website has information on raising awareness within a business. It gives advice on how appointing a company Business Champion can help to change behaviour, with information on a typical role profile of a Business Champion and the importance of staff motivation and awareness.

The Carbon trust website has a number of useful publications on how to reduce energy use. Including:

- The Carbon Trust support for SMEs (Small to Medium Enterprises)
This leaflet outlines the Carbon Trust services that are most relevant for SMEs, including simple and practical, no, or low-cost ways to reduce the amount of energy you use.
- Creating an awareness campaign pack
This guide provides ideas and resources to motivate every individual within your organisation to save energy, ensuring long-term benefits for people, the business and the environment.

Business Link have some practical advice on:

- adapting to climate change

- cutting carbon emissions
- protecting a business from flooding
- low carbon business opportunities

The **Tees Valley Green Business Network** is a local partnership initiative that is helping to support businesses in improving their environmental performance and achieving business benefits as a result. Various information is drawn together on the GBN website www.greenteesvalley.org – and businesses can seek advice directly. The GBN Awards Scheme gives recognition to businesses that are taking action on climate change and in other ways that benefit the environment.

Raising awareness in households and communities

Individuals, businesses and public sectors can sign up to the 10:10 campaign. 10:10 is a project to unite every sector of British society behind one simple idea: that by working together we can achieve a 10% cut in the UK's carbon emissions in 2010.

You can sign up to the campaign online and there are lots of useful tips to help you reduce your emissions by 10% - <http://www.1010uk.org/>

The Act on CO2 website (<http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/actonco2/home.html>) has lots of useful information, including a carbon calculator, tips on reducing your energy usage and a list of current campaigns.

The Energy Savings Trust website has a Community Carbon Footprint Tool. This allows groups of individuals to measure their carbon emissions and work out their community carbon footprint. Local businesses and community buildings in the community can also calculate their carbon footprint.

Specific initiatives aimed at reducing the use of energy resources that would benefit the Council

We are aware of the Council's active participation in the Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership and that an action plan for Hartlepool has been developed.

We would suggest that the Council may wish to consider some of the measures that the Environment Agency has taken to reduce its own emissions (if it is not already taking similar action).

Climate Change ...

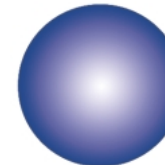
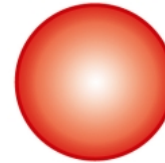
Hartlepool: North East England

Adrian Hilton

Regional Climate Change Coordinator

The 'Bottom Line' - what we need to deliver

- Enhanced resilience of our infrastructure, communities and business and natural environment to climate change
- Reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions of 80% - by 2050
- Opportunities for competitive advantage and economic diversification realised



North East Climate Change Partnership

The Partnership is a collaboration of organisations, which includes:

- Association of North East Councils
- ONE North East
- Government Office North East
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- CBI North East
- Federation of Small Businesses
- North East Chamber of Commerce
- Energy Savings Trust
- UK Climate Impacts Programme
- North East Sub-Regions / City Regions

What we do:

The North East Climate Change Partnership aims to...

- investigate, inform and advise on the threats and opportunities presented by the impacts of climate change and climate change legislation in North East England.
- promote and support climate change adaptation
- Support reduction in the region's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Work with partners to develop the regional evidence base
- Act as an interface between climate science and practitioners

The North East Climate Change Partnership is hosted by the Association of North East Councils (ANEC).

Hartlepool:

Significant commitments to address climate change...

- LAA includes indicator 186 (per capita reduction in CO2).
- LAA includes indicator 188 (Climate change adaptation – level 0)
- Signatory to the Covenant of Mayors.
- Engaged in the Carbon Trust's Carbon Management Programme
- Signed up to 10:10 campaign
- A member of the Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership

“The North East is streets ahead on this agenda”

Dr Rupert Lewis, Deputy Director, Head of Evidence for
Adapting to Climate Change, Defra, 2009





ClimateNE
Supporting action on climate change



"I was pleased to see the strength of the Climate Change Partnership in the North East, particularly the quality of the North East Adaptation Study."

"The study tells us what we need to do to adapt in the face of dangerous climate change. This work and the commitment from many groups and sectors, including local government in the North, is very encouraging."

Rt Hon. Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for the Environment, 2009



ClimateNE
Supporting action on climate change



“We are already seeing in the North East the thinking, action and sense of purpose to deliver real progress on fighting climate change”.

Joan Ruddock, Department of Energy and Climate Change Minister, 2009



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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

1 February 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON MANAGEMENT – EVIDENCE FROM THE COUNCIL'S REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS DEPARTMENT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Forum that officers from the Council's Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department have been invited to attend this meeting to provide evidence in relation to the ongoing investigation into 'Climate Change and Carbon Management'.
- 1.2 Written evidence has also been received from officers from the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department and from Middlesbrough Council on cycling initiatives.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Environmental Standards Manager and Climate Change Officer will be in attendance at today's meeting to give evidence in relation to climate change and awareness in the community.
- 2.2 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 26 October 2009, Members received evidence from Middlesbrough Council's Environmental Sustainability Coordinator and one of the areas highlighted as a successful initiative by Middlesbrough Council was the cycling scheme whereby drivers were encouraged to use their cycles around the town centre through the provision of a free central storage facility / centre. Attached as **Appendix 1** to this report is further information on Middlesbrough Council's cycling initiative / centre for consideration by Members.

- 2.3 Attached as **Appendix 2** to this report is information from the Council's Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department on the Council's cycling initiatives, cycle routes and storage for member's consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum consider the views of the officers from the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department in attendance at this meeting along with the written evidence received and seek clarification on any relevant issues, where felt appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Scrutiny Investigation into Climate Change and Carbon Management – Scoping Report' Presented to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum on 17 August 2009.
- (ii) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Climate Change and Carbon Management – Evidence from a Representative from Middlesbrough Council' Presented to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum on 26 October 2009.

Middlesbrough Council's Cycling Centre – Running Costs

Statement from Mark Fishpool, Director of Middlesbrough Environment City:-

The costs are difficult as it depends on the extent of the activity that is included. I have included below an idea of typical costs if staff are employed through a charity - with on costs lower than for a Local Authority.

Cycling Officer (delivers training, runs events and staff CC when Assistant on leave etc): £21,000 pa (including on costs)

Cycle Centre Assistant (reception in Centre): £15000 pa

Annual running costs: £5000-£10000, depending on whether there are rent and rate charges or whether premises can be obtained for free/rent can be foregone. The Middlesbrough CC is in a unit in the Bus Station that had proved impossible to let commercially.

Set up costs will depend upon current state of premises chosen and level of décor/facilities - a DDA compliant shower and toilet is essential, together with the cycle storage, reception desk, information racks etc. - typical £10000 - £20000 (year one cost only - small maintenance sum each year).

Clearly the salary cost is the largest single ongoing commitment and it is worth thinking about whether the centre could be developed as part of another facility that is already staffed or as part of the development of a new facility. In Middlesbrough, one of the drivers was to increase the general staffing presence in the Bus Station to improve the sense of security for visitors. Our Centre currently has a higher staffing level as external funding is used for the Cycle Trainer posts.

1) CYCLING INITIATIVES

The Council promotes cycling in schools through School Travel Plans and the national standard cycle training that the Council deliver to children in Years 5, 6 and 7. Pupils are encouraged to cycle to school after receiving this training and through the School Travel Plan Awards scheme, schools can submit bids for secure cycle storage.

Through the Work Place Travel Plan process the Council encourage organisations and businesses to provide cycle storage and promote cycling as an alternative to car use.

Over the Easter time 2010 the Council are planning to introduce adult cycle training schemes and 'back to cycling events' for those that wish to take up cycling for commuter and leisure trips.

In addition the Council is to introduce a salary sacrifice scheme whereby employees can purchase cycles through the Council at discounted rates which will contribute to sustainability and climate change agendas.

2) CYCLING ROUTES AND STORAGE

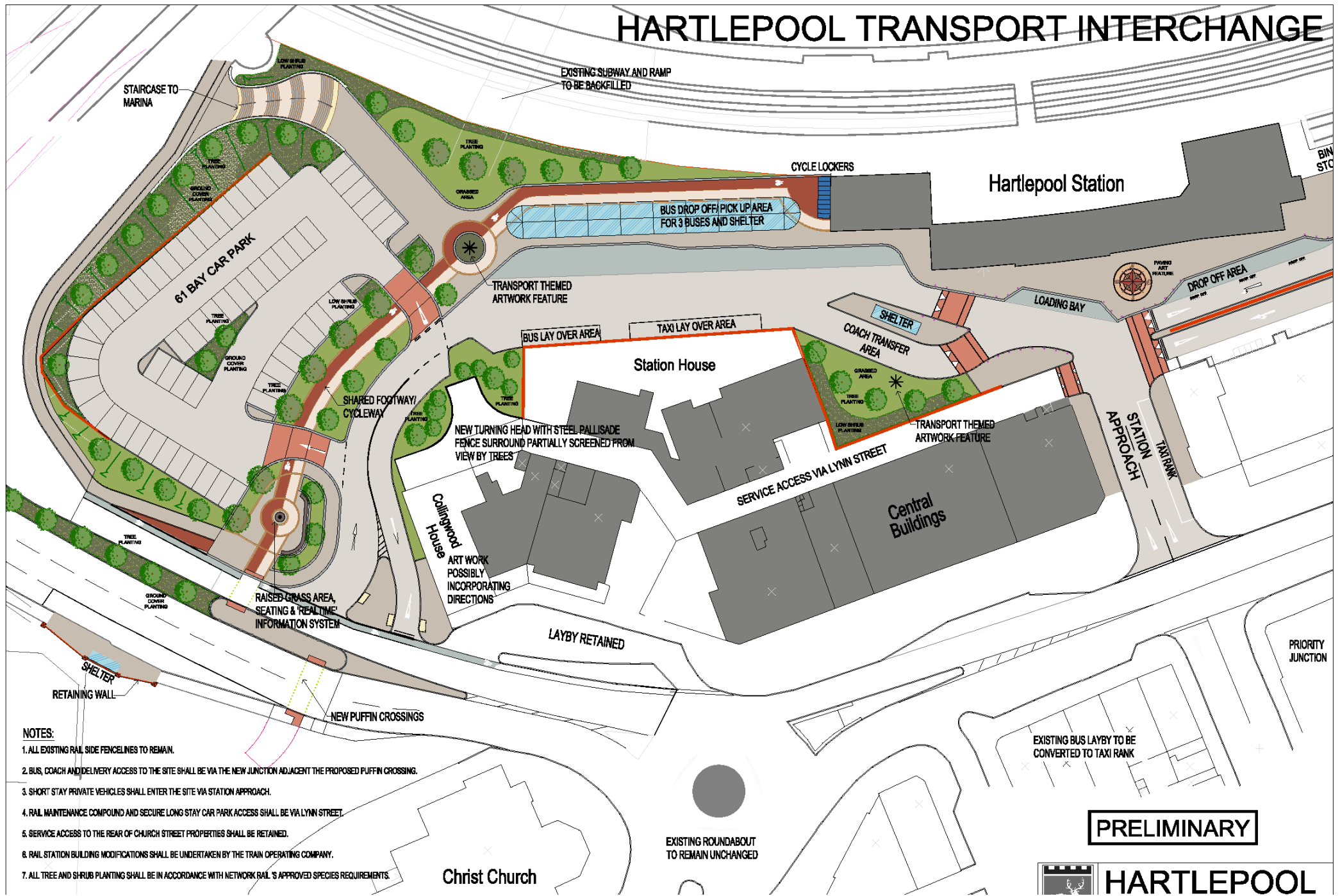
With regard to cycle storage the Council currently has five or so lockers at the Train Station. This having been said, it is intended to completely re-amp cycle storage in the vicinity of the station as part of the Transport Interchange and station improvement works, as the storage is not very well used. The works will hopefully result in a better uptake of secure cycle storage.

A key element of the Transport Interchange is be the Pedestrian and Cycleway Spine, (as shown in **Appendix A**):-

- (a) It will run from the Interchange entrance on Church Street to the bus shelters and the train station;
- (b) The cycleway will terminate in an area providing secure cycle lockers;
- (c) The pedestrian route runs to the rear of the shelters allowing access to all bus pick-up/drop-off points and connects to train station frontage;
- (d) All crossing points across the Park and Ride car park access roads will be raised to pedestrian level facilitating pedestrian and cyclist priority;
- (e) Crossing points will be ramped for vehicle use to provide traffic calming measures;

Written Evidence from the Council's Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Department on the Council's Cycling Initiatives, Routes and Storage

- (f) Pedestrian and cycleway routes will be bounded on the car park side by a row of high quality ornamental tree species of a smaller size, creating an avenue feel while ensuring that the route is open and easily surveyed for safety reasons;
- (g) The tree planting will all be located in an open grassed area to provide unrestricted views for user safety;
- (h) A second feature point will be located at the intersection of the pedestrian/cycleway spine and the staircase access footway in order to reduce the potential for user conflict; and
- (i) The second feature point will be a raised area (approx. 200mm high) with ground cover shrub planting and a central art feature with a transportation theme.





Climate Change Scrutiny Investigation: Community Engagement

Paul Hurwood, Climate Change Officer

Community Engagement

- The community is all of us!
- Everyone needs to take action to reduce CO₂.
- Council is in an ideal position to influence the community – Lead by example
- Wide reaching – many people will miss the generic messages sent out
- Opportunity to be flexible and respond to needs and demands of specific groups
- Emphasise links to money saving and health



Community Groups

- **Informal presentations and discussions**
- **Tenants and Residents Associations**
- **Groups with mental health issues**
- **Groups with learning difficulties**
- **Vulnerable adults**

School Events

Schools:

Silver Eco-Schools

S.O.S. Assemblies

Energy audits



Environment Roundabout

- January 2010
- Approx. 500 children
- 6 planets:
 - CO₂
 - Trash
 - Toxicara
 - Anhydrite
 - Smog
 - Extinction
- Interactive sessions



11 Million Take-Over Day

- St. John Vianney visited the Civic Centre
- Learned about climate change and how to be 'Waterwise'.
- Each person made an environmental pledge
- Producing a leaflet on climate change for parents/guardians



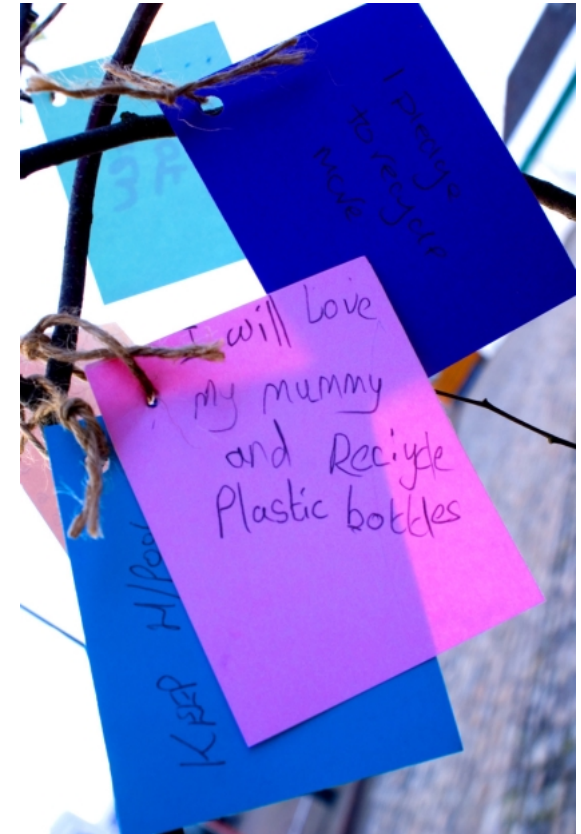
The Keys to Success

- Supporting vulnerable people moving into their own homes
- Advice on energy efficiency
- Free energy saving light bulbs
- Real-time energy monitor demonstration
- Link between energy efficiency and money saving emphasised



Smarter Living Roadshow

- Various locations around town.
- Ongoing programme
- Topics:
 - Energy saving
 - Recycling
 - Grow your own
 - Design a (green) bag
 - Make a pledge
 - Local environmental quality



Hartlepool Solar Car Event

- Construct a solar powered kit car.
- Discuss benefits of renewable energy
- Race!!!



Businesses

- Appeal for businesses to come forward
- Articles in Hartlepool Enterprise Magazine
- Tees Valley Green Business Award (TVGBA) – recognition and support
- Partners include:
 - Environment Agency
 - Tees Valley Unlimited
 - NISP
 - Renew
- Official launch in next few months



Planned Events/Activities

- Smart meter workshops
- Re-launch of *Hartlepool Action on Climate Change* brand
- Working more closely with HVDA
- Secondary school event
- World Environment Day 5th June Event
- Further Smarter Living Roadshows
- Eco-Driving Challenge
- Displays at Middleton Grange



Suggestions for other events?



Many thanks,

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

1 February 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON MANAGEMENT:
FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE
ACTIVITY SESSION HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2009 –
COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To facilitate a discussion amongst Members of this Forum in relation to the Climate Change Activity Session held on 06 November 2009.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 As part of the evidence gathering process for the undertaking of the investigation into 'Climate Change and Carbon Management' an activity session was recently attended by Members of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum.
- 2.2 A class of year 5 pupils were also invited to participate in the activity session. Members and the children participated in three activities which focused on climate change. The first activity was a play which looked at how water is wasted on a daily basis and how to be 'waterwise'. The second activity introduced the concept of food miles and their carbon implications and looked at the importance of buying locally sourced food. For the final activity the Members and children made personal pledges to help with climate change.
- 2.3 In line with good practice, Members of this Forum who were in attendance are requested to discuss their feedback / findings from the activity session at today's meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum discuss their feedback / findings from the activity session as outlined in paragraph 2.3 of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in preparation of this report:-

- (a) Scrutiny Investigation into Climate Change and Carbon Management –
Scoping Report (Scrutiny Support Officer) – 14.08.09

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

1 February 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON MANAGEMENT –
FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE FOCUS
GROUP HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2010 – COVERING
REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To facilitate a discussion amongst Members of this Forum in relation to feedback received as a result of the Focus Group held on 11 January 2010.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 17 August 2009, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry / Sources of Evidence for this Scrutiny investigation were approved by the Forum.
- 2.2 Consequently, in order to seek the views of residents on ways to help tackle climate change and raise awareness of climate change in the community a focus group session was held on the 11 January 2010 in the Council Chamber.
- 2.3 The issues raised / views expressed at the Focus Group are attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members consider the issues raised at the Focus Group on the 11 January 2010 as detailed in Appendix 1.

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM FOCUS GROUP –
CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON MANAGEMENT**

11 January 2010

Notes

Present:

Councillors: Stephen Akers - Belcher (Chair)
Gladys Worthy

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge
John Lynch
Joan Steel

Member of the Public

Officers: Dave Stubbs – Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Sylvia Tempest – Environmental Standards Manager
Paul Hurwood – Climate Change Officer
Laura Starrs – Scrutiny Support Officer

**INVESTIGATION INTO CLIMATE CHANGE AND
CARBON MANAGEMENT**

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum delivered a presentation which included the following:-

- (i) Aim of the investigation;
- (ii) Progression of the investigation so far; and
- (iii) What was hoped to achieve during the course of the Focus Group.

It was reported that this was an opportunity for everyone present to express their views and provide input into the scrutiny investigation. The Group's views were sought on the following questions:-

- (i) Do you have any ideas or practices which could help reduce our carbon footprint?
 - (a) Try to reduce car usage, car sharing was suggested, although the Council do encourage and promote this;
 - (b) the reduction of council buildings and the creation of open plan offices was viewed as a good way to reduce energy;
 - (c) schools were seen as a priority area for energy reduction;
 - (d) a checklist for individual households showing how energy can be saved was seen as a way to help reduce household energy costs;

- (e) continue to work with other local authorities / schools / universities in the area to develop new ideas and initiatives;
 - (f) dimming of street lights was considered; and
 - (g) maximise the natural resources available e.g wind
- (ii) Do you feel that the community is aware of the effects of climate change?
- (a) the general opinion was that children and young people had a good understanding of climate change and its effects but it was felt that many adults either were not aware of the effects of climate change or there was a resistance to act.
- (iii) Can you suggest ways to help raise awareness of climate change in the community to help to reduce our carbon footprint?
- (a) focus on publicising / promoting climate change to the public, use the voluntary sector to promote information;
 - (b) more publicity on targets set and how public can help to achieve them;
 - (c) highlight to the public what exactly climate change is and its effects;
 - (d) publicise examples of how saving energy can make a difference, use 'cost' examples; and
 - (e) educate the public on schemes available to help reduce energy costs, for example, wall and roof insulation schemes.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked all attendees for their input and ideas to the investigation and encouraged their attendance at the next meeting scheduled for 01 February 2010 at 4.00 pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

1 February 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SIX MONTHLY MONITORING OF AGREED
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY
FORUM'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with the six monthly progress made on the delivery of the agreed scrutiny recommendations of this Forum.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 As Members will be aware, Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on the 21 November 2007 approved the introduction of an electronic database to monitor the delivery of agreed scrutiny recommendations since the 2005/06 Municipal Year. Approval was also given for the introduction of a standardised six monthly cycle for the submission of progress reports to each Scrutiny Forum.
- 2.2 The newly created electronic database, to be known as the Scrutiny Monitoring Database, will run along the same principles as the Authority's former Corporate Performance Management Database and in addition to provision of standardised six monthly monitoring reports, as detailed above, will provide the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee with a breakdown of progress against all Scrutiny Forums' recommendations on an Annual basis. The introduction of the new database will also provide the ability to produce 'real time' information of the progression of recommendations upon request.
- 2.3 In accordance with the agreed procedure, this report provides for Members information details of progress made against each of the investigations undertaken by the Forum. Attached as **Appendix A** is a Summary Report that breaks down progress made by investigation and **Appendix B**, provides a detailed explanation of progress made against each recommendation.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That progress against the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum's agreed recommendations, since the 2005/06 Municipal Year, be noted and explored further where appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum**20mph Speed Limit Zones Outside of Schools**

G Target achieved 15

Hartlepool's Local Bus Service Provision

G Target achieved 15

A Expect to achieve target 1

Public Convenience Provision in Hartlepool

G Target achieved 29

School Meals

G Target achieved 4

A Expect to achieve target 1

Transportation Links to Hospital Services & Neighbourhood Services Dept.

G Target achieved 10

Condition of the Highways in Hartlepool

N No longer deliverable 1

G Target achieved 7

A Expect to achieve target 2

Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool

A Expect to achieve target 6

Scrutiny Recommendations (Not Completed) Monitoring Report

December 2009

Department: *
Division: *

Scrutiny: Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum
Scrutiny Enquiry: *

N	No longer deliverable	1	1.1%
	Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum	1	
A	Expect to achieve target	10	11.0%
	Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum	10	
G	Target achieved	80	87.9%
	Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum	80	
Total No. of Actions		91	

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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/05-6/2 HARTLEPOOL'S LOCAL BUS SERVICE PROVISION

Recommendation:

NS/05-6/2a(ii) That work be undertaken by the Authority to improve the infrastructure of the bus network in Hartlepool, with particular reference to new and innovative means of providing up to date timetable information and ensuring that such information is co-ordinated in a timely manner (with a consideration of the provision of information for blind individuals).

A	NS/05-6/2a(ii)	Continue to review issues relating to timetable information. Improve clarity and presentation of at stop timetable information. Provide Real Time information at selected stops and through the internet, WAP and SMS.	December 2011	New style of timetable displays introduced at bus stops to improve clarity and presentation. Real Time Passenger Information delayed as a result of problems with the Tees Valley system.	Geoff Knowlson
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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:					
NS/07-8/5		SCHOOL MEALS			

Recommendation:

NS/07-8/5c	That the Catering Manager is involved in the planning and design of any new dining facilities in schools resulting from the Building Schools for the Future programme.
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A	NS/07-8/5c	Head of Neighbourhood Management is a member of the extended project team. Consultation mechanisms are in place to ensure the Catering Manager is fully included in the planning and design of any new facility.	December 2010	The design process with two bidders began on 4th September 2009 and will end with the submission of the Invitation to Tender by 22nd January 2010. The design development process is managed through a number of Design User Groups and this involves school representatives and appropriate Council officers and advisers including Assistant Directors ((Procurement / Asset Management and Neighbourhood Services) (original deadline Jan 08)	Caroline O'Neill
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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/08-9/7

CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAYS IN HARTLEPOOL

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/7a

That the Council develops a strategy to achieve a planned approach to highways maintenance as opposed to a reactive approach.

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NS/08-9/7a

Strategy to be developed to give Council options to provide a minimum service level; a fair service level; a good service level; or an excellent service level. Council to select appropriate strategy dependant on affordability.

June 2010 An interim strategy will be presented to portfolio holder in August 2009 whilst the long term strategy incorporating the different levels of service is being developed for 2010.

Paul Mitchinson

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/7h

That the income generated from the charges imposed on the Utility Companies be redirected into the highways maintenance budget.

N

NS/08-9/7h

Any income generated from charges imposed on the Utilities are used to part fund the Street Works Service. The use of the monies in any other way would require the Road and Street Works Act (RASWA) service to be alternatively funded.

March 2009 Monies generated are used to fund the service at this moment in time. Should the amount generated exceed the requirements these can then be redirected back into the highway maintenance budget

Mike Blair

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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/08-9/7 **CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAYS IN HARTLEPOOL**

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/7j That the Council integrates Confirm, the highways system with the Customer Relationship Management System in order to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the monitoring and feed back arrangements for customer enquiries relating to highways maintenance.

A NS/08-9/7j	Hartlepool Connect is currently in the process of identifying an appropriate middleware solution, which will allow the Customer Relationship Management System to integrate to other Council systems, including the Highways "Confirm" system. The Council's E-Government Team , in conjunction with the Contact Centre, are reviewing the options available. Considering system integration in isolation will increase overall costs and on that basis "Confirm" will be considered as part of that options process.	March 2010 Hartlepool Connect is in the process of upgrading its Customer Relationship Management (CRM) application. One of the primary benefits of upgrade is that system integration with other applications will be easier and more cost effective. We are confident that the upgrade will be ready for go-live on 1 April 2010. Following this date, we are to develop system integration proposals, which will be prioritised based upon volumes, transaction times and method of integration. The Confirm application will be considered as part of these proposals.	Julie Howard
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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/08-9/8 COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/8a That the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities lobby the Government to increase the funding available for coastal protection works.

A	NS/08-9/8a	Grant aid is currently managed by the Environment Agency on behalf of DEFRA. Lobbying can be undertaken at a regional level at Newcastle or at a national level at London as part of the National Review Group meeting (NRG). Lobbying will have to be undertaken at the correct point in time for each individual project.	December 2010	The Seaton Carew Strategy Study is to be presented to the Environment Agency's National Review Group in April 2010.	Dennis Hancock
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Recommendation:

NS/08-9/8b That the Council undertakes a further assessment of the potential funding streams available for coastal protection works and considers whether further funding can be obtained from other sources.

A	NS/08-9/8b	Officers will use the networking of the North East Coastal Group (NECG) to explore all potential funding streams that might have the potential to be used for assisting with coast protection works.	December 2009	Potential funding streams are currently being explored and this will continue into the future.	Dennis Hancock
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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/08-9/8 COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/8c That the Council continues to promote climate change and involves local residents in raising awareness of the effects it has on Hartlepool's coastline.

A	NS/08-9/8c	<p>All coast protection studies follow a methodology as set out by DEFRA on behalf of the Government. A key thread that runs through all such studies is the need to strongly include climate change and in particular sea level rise as key drivers for coast protection works.</p> <p>All such studies have an allowance for consultation with many statutory bodies including the public and there are public exhibitions where the awareness of all issues is raised.</p>	December 2010	Continuing to promote the impact of climate change and its effect on Hartlepool's coastline.	Dennis Hancock
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Recommendation:

NS/08-9/8d That the Council establishes the potential risks and implications associated with the loss of the Heugh Breakwater infrastructure and communicates this to members of the public to alleviate concerns.

A	NS/08-9/8d	<p>The Heugh Breakwater has been examined in some detail as part of both the Headland Strategy Study and the Shoreline Management Plan II.</p> <p>The potential risks and implications are well understood.</p> <p>During the forthcoming public exhibition in respect of the Town Wall study, the issue of the breakwater in relation to the Town Wall will be a important part of the consultant's presentation.</p>	December 2011	The Headland Strategy Study is due for review in 2011 when further consideration will be given (Original deadline: June 2009)	Dennis Hancock
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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/08-9/8 COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/8e That the Council continues to evaluate the risks of developing on sites which could potentially be at risk of coastal erosion in order to ensure the sustainability of future building developments and establishes the potential loss of funding in areas where erosion is occurring.

A	NS/08-9/8e	<p>The Shoreline Management Plan II that covered the entire Hartlepool coastline determined erosion contours for the next hundred years. These identify parts of the coastline where coastal erosion is likely to occur.</p> <p>The Strategy Studies which are the next level down in the hierarchical system used by the Environment Agency look at such vulnerable areas in more detail and identify potential solutions.</p> <p>These studies will assist the planning process in ensuring that potential developments will be sustainable.</p>	<p>March 2010 Seaton Strategy Study currently ongoing, review of the Headland Strategy Study planned for 2011.</p>	Dennis Hancock
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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO:

NS/08-9/8

COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL

Recommendation:

NS/08-9/8f

That the Council continues to consult extensively with local residents on current / future coastal studies and where appropriate holds such consultation events in the locations covered by the relevant study.

A NS/08-9/8f

The Seaton Carew public exhibition was held at the Staincliffe Hotel and was well attended by members of the public.

The forthcoming public exhibition associated with the Town Wall project will be held at the Borough Hall.

All future public exhibitions will be located as near as possible to the areas covered by the studies.

April 2010 The second public consultation meeting for the Strategy Study was held in the Staincliffe Hotel. The Town Wall meeting was held at the Borough Hall. A further public meeting for the Town Wall Study will be held in the Borough Hall early 2010 (Original deadline June 2009)

Dennis Hancock