

Open Report on behalf of Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Environment Scrutiny Committee
Date:	10 June 2016
Subject:	Climate Local Annual Review 2015

Summary:

This report is the 2015 annual review of our Action Plan required following our signing of the Climate Local commitment in August 2012. The Climate Local Action Plan demonstrates our continuing commitment to both reducing our carbon footprint, and adapting to the effects of climate change.

Actions have progressed under all six overarching themes:

- Increasing local resilience to climate change
- Building a low-carbon sector and supporting green jobs
- Creating an accessible Lincolnshire with low carbon transport system
- Reducing energy consumption in our own activities
- Promote energy and resource efficiency and alleviate fuel poverty
- Reducing waste to landfill

This report highlights progress in 2015 and adds planned future action. The full report is Appended.

Actions Required:

Members of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the Climate Local Annual Review 2015.

1. Background

- 1.1 Climate Local is a Local Government Association initiative to drive, inspire and support council action on climate change. It aims to support councils in reducing their carbon emissions, and increasing their resilience to the effects of climate change. Climate Local is the successor of the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change. Almost 100 local authorities have signed up to Climate Local. Lincolnshire County Council signed the commitment in 2012.

- 1.2 In 2014, our first action plan was published to demonstrate the commitment of Lincolnshire County Council to both reducing its carbon footprint, and adapting to the ever more severe and frequent effects of climate change on our communities.

This annual review of 2015 demonstrates LCC's continued commitment to these objectives.

2. Conclusion

2.1 This year's update shows continued progress towards many of the objectives set. Several projects have now been completed. During 2014/15 significant structural and staffing changes have resulted in a number of project changes. The scale and or scope of some projects have been reduced and others have ceased entirely. However a number of the projects completed during 2015 have made a significant contribution to meeting the overall objectives of the climate local plan. Amongst them is the Sustain project and provisional figures show the project has met and in some cases exceeded the success measures put in place. This includes securing £343,000 in gross value added, and £1,587,000 of investment.

2.2 Looking forward key future actions include

- Roll out climate change risk assessment
- First call for Structural fund schemes has been made and work is underway to support low carbon economy bids
- Bids will be made to continue sustainable travel work
- Continued investment under the Council's Carbon Management Plan including £5,000,000 investment in street lighting energy efficiency (full report to be considered as agenda item for this meeting)
- Considering how best to continue of the Lincolnshire Energy Switching scheme and fuel poverty schemes
- Next stages of the District heat network study will be completed by December 2016

Climate Local enables the County Council to demonstrate leadership to our communities, stakeholders and peers, and to Government and other national stakeholders.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Annual update 2015

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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