

AN OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS ACTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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Moray Council	The Council has completed the Carbon Trust Carbon Management Programme and finalised a five year plan to reduce emissions by 30 % equating to 10,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide.	The Carbon Management Plan will form an integral part of a Climate Change Strategy, prepared over 2008/09. The core team of the Carbon Management team forms the basis of a council wide working group on Climate Change. The Council is seeking to produce a community wide strategy and will be seeking input from all partners through the Greener Group.	Recycling figure for 2007/08 stands at 44% amongst best performers in Scotland. The Council has already surpassed the National target of achieving 40% by 2010 and is well on its way to achieving the 2013 target of 50%. In the future, it is hoped that the current kerbside collection system can be extended to all domestic properties in Moray and that food waste is also collected for recycling (via composting).	The Council try to persuade the general public to reduce the amount of waste they produce via presentations, talks, roadshows and attendance at various community events together with regular school events. The Council, in partnership with the Carbon Trust and the Energy Saving Trust, has an Energy Awareness programme ongoing. A £3000 per year budget has been agreed by the Council to promote carbon management.	The Council is running a small vehicle and van fuelled by cooking oil from Moray Schools. This has proved financially viable as well as environmentally friendly. The Council is looking to extend the scheme. The Council is arranging for a Green Fleet Review to be undertaken by the Energy Savings Trust. Energy efficiency measures have been implemented utilising the Central Energy Efficiency Fund and Spend to Save budget set up by the Council. Projects vary in size from timer controllers to full loft insulation projects and the installation of Building Energy Management Systems at the large sites. The carbon reductions from individual projects are recorded against the project for future collation	The Council will prepare guidance for sustainable construction techniques. 2008/09 There is no specific guidance in terms of specifying sustainable construction techniques and energy efficiency measures when constructing new buildings or refurbishing older buildings.	The Council has prepared a green travel Plan for the Elgin Headquarters in association with the Energy Savings Trust. This is in the initial stages for implementation it is anticipated that new storage for HQ will be installed over the summer with pool bikes available soon after.	Protecting and enhancing the environment is one of the main aims within the Moray Local Plan 2000 and Emerging Local Plan 2008. The Council has undertaken a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Emerging Local Plan and an assessment of the impact on Natura 2000 sites prepared. The Council is in the process of developing a Core Paths Strategy and an Open Space Strategy. The Council has implemented numerous environmental improvements across Moray.	The Council has a Procurement Strategy 2007-2010. It includes the consideration of the environmental impact of purchasing decisions to minimise adverse impacts. Full lifecycle costs, including disposal, must be taken into account. In addition, procurers will also encourage suppliers to minimise any adverse environmental effects of their activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will ensure that we Conserve resources • Reduce waste • Phase out ozone depleting substances • Ensure that any products derived from wildlife are from sustainable sources • Encourage manufacturers to provide environmentally friendly products • Initiating environmental impact assessments
SNH	SNH hasn't joined the Carbon Trust programme, but has a high-level corporate objective to reduce CO2 emissions. SNH now has good quality mgt info on types and sources of CO2 emissions, with quarterly reporting and associated annual local targets for each Office and Management Unit – primarily for work travel and energy use.	SNH is developing a Climate Change Action Plan covering adaptation and mitigation strategies for internal corporate systems and outward-facing work with partners and as it affects the natural heritage.	Average SNH recycling rate is 62% of solid wastes from our own operations. All offices have targets to recycle 80% and reduce waste production – this is dependent on local authority and commercial facilities being available. All new offices operate a 'no bin at desk' policy – looking to roll out where useful.	SNH network of Greening Reps in offices provide front-line awareness and local effort. All SNH offices have a Green Office Plan with annual local targets signed off by local Managers and applicable by all staff. Awareness-raising via staff newsletter and other media.	All offices have energy efficiency targets achievable by behaviour change. All IT, office equipment is energy efficient. All lighting and heating systems and controls work towards best energy efficiency. Renewable energy systems are installed at SNH offices and visitor centres where operationally, technically and financially appropriate.	SNH uses a 'sustainability matrix' to guide capital refurbishment projects and maintenance of properties where we have management. All new-build offices must meet BREEAM 'excellent' rating. Property Condition Survey is currently underway to identify and prioritise assets requiring improvement – including re sustainability.	SNH has a travel hierarchy for staff (with non-travel being the top – we have video conference kits in 25+ offices and it is very well used). All new office developments have Green Travel planning – focusing on TTW (public transport info & service improvements, car - sharing, facilities for bikes & walking) – to roll out to all existing offices.	This is SNH's main function. SEA, Community Planning, Designations, Planning applications, access and enjoyment, tourism, rural management, marine, grants etc etc	SNH has mandatory sustainable criteria for all procurement over £10k – generic, plus specific to different procurement types (eg IT, catering and cleaning, outdoor facilities), including -. Whole life costs, energy efficiency, waste minimisation, natural products, recycled products, recyclability, biodegradability etc. Local purchasing (food, office supplies, cleaning materials) is expected to be as sustainable as locally feasible.
Grampian Fire and Rescue	The Carbon trust has carried out energy efficiency surveys at some of GFRS premises and forwarded recommendations which are being actioned by Maintenance Manager. In 2009/10 GFRS will be introducing a range of initiatives to support progress towards achieving ISO 14001 standard.		A waste management programme is in place at some GFRS premises. No targets set.	Awareness raising initiative is under development	GFRS Internal Environmental Policy under development	All GFRS new build premise and major refurbishments must meet BREEAM "excellent" rating	GFRS has organised a salary sacrifice scheme where employees are able to purchase bikes at a discounted price cycle lockers also installed at premises. Green Fleet assessment of GFRS vehicles carried out action plan on recommendations under development	GFRS Environmental Management System under development	GFRS Procurement Policy requires its suppliers and services to operate to high environmental performance standards. Suppliers are asked to demonstrate their commitment to environmental best practice.

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Forestry Commission Scotland	In terms of Carbon Management Programme the Forestry Commission has a programme called Greenerways to reduce carbon emissions from their activities	FCS has produced a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan which s currently out to public consultation, this builds upon the climate change actions set out in the Scottish Forestry strategy.		FCS are involved in many activities and partnerships to Encourage access to, enjoyment of and awareness of the environment. This Includes provision of recreation facilities, outreach work though initiatives such as Walk Moray and the Forest Education Initiative and the targeting of funds and effort through the Woodlands in and around towns initiative.		FCS has just published New Timber Architecture in Scotland by Peter Wilson which celebrates and promotes the use of timber. We are also working on a major project on Scots pine timber quality .	FCS has set targets to reduce co2 emissions from our activities as part of the Greenerways initiative .	FCS are supporting and regulating Sustainable forestry and woodland expansion, this includes a major shift to alternative to clearfell management by Moray FD which will naturalise the forests and improve their ecological value whilst retaining the production of quality timber.. We are funding and delivering many species and habitat projects e.g. red squirrel conservation, capercallie etc	FCS has a national policy and seeks to procure all timber products from sustainable sources. The whole of Moray FD has FSC certification.
NHS Grampian	Participated in the Carbon Trust Carbon Management Programme in previous years.	The NHS has signed up to producing a community wide Climate Change Actiojn Plan with Moray Council through Community Planning	Waste Minimisation programme is in place.	Environmental Awarenesss is ongoing throughout the NHS Grampian area as identified in the adopted carbon management plan.	Energy efficiency projects are ongoing as part of the implementation of NHS Grampians adopted carbon management Plan	The NHS has adopted new BREEAM standards for Healthcare standards for all new projects and major refurbishments.	A Draft Green travel plan is currently being consulted on internally	The setting and surroundings of NHS properties can be assessed under the recently adopted BREEAM standards	NHS Grampian is required to implement sustainable procurement through its environmental policy. There is an ongoing national initiative
HIE Moray	HIE has undertaken an initial Carbon Footprint review of its 06/07 operations. This is informing the development of further emissions measurement and management activity during the remainder of the 08/09 financial year. This work will support the development of Carbon Management Plans for how HIE runs its operations, engages in strategic projects and interacts with key sectors	Developing Carbon Management plans will present the opportunity to generate more local or sector specific Climate Change plans	The organisation's Environmental Management System will demonstrate levels of resource use, recycling etc. This information will be available by office/area.	There will be an ongoing programme of work to raise awareness of environmental, emissions and sustainable growth issues. For example the organisation has recently held a "spotlight on Sustainable Growth" week for staff. It is planned to repeat this process every 3-4 months focussing on different environmental, emissions or sustainable growth issues.	HIE is continually reviewing its energy use. The organisations Environmental management system will help facilitate more detailed monitoring and analysis. We are currently investigation how to encourage energy efficiency amongst our suppliers and customers.	In Late summer 2007 HIE produced a Sustainable Construction Policy and Plan The purpose of this document is to establish a standard of sustainability that will be incorporated into the design and construction of our property portfolio. The policy sets us on a timetable to achieve the UK government target that all newly constructed public buildings will be carbon neutral from 2012 onwards. Recent buildings constructed in moray employ renewable technologies such as GSHP and solar panels to heat space and water, high efficiency boilers , mechanical ventilation etc. BREEAM excellent ratings are aimed at in all new build	HIE has already organised several salary sacrifice scheme where employees were able to purchase bikes at a discounted price. We are working with other stakeholders to identify the feasibility of a bus salary sacrifice programme. In the Autumn we will be undertaking an organisation wide travel survey which will identify further options for evolving the transport mix.	HIE recently undertook a Strategic Environmental Assessment on its Operating Plan. This is informing ongoing development work in the organisation – e.g revising our assistance appraisal approach to include more sustainability assessment. Ongoing development work around reducing HIE's carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions will create opportunities to enhance the local environment.	

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SEPA	<p>SEPA participates in the Carbon Trusts Local Authority Carbon Management programme.</p> <p>SEPA maintain certification to the International Environmental Management System standard ISO14001 for all sites and all activities.</p> <p>The Corporate Plan has a target for CO2 reduction of 25% by March 2012 (below 2006-07 baseline).</p>	<p>SEPA is developing a Climate Change Plan. The consultative draft outlined that SEPA's strategic vision is for SEPA to be an exemplary organisation in responding to the serious threat of climate change and to ensure that the consequences of, and for, climate change arising from its decisions are fully integrated into SEPA's business processes.</p>	<p>SEPA's Internal Environmental Policy commits SEPA to promote waste minimisation within its own workplaces and encourage reuse or recycling wherever possible.</p> <p>As an example SEPA's recent short term target for reducing paper consumption was 5% per FTE by March 2008 (below 2006/07 levels). Target was not met for 2006/07.</p> <p>Practical actions include:</p> <p>Apply waste management hierarchy Bins per office, rather than per desk Central office recycling of paper, plastic, glass etc (exact recycle depends on location) Most offices also compost their own kitchen waste Contractor for paper collection and shredding Waste minimisation intranet pages Large or double computer screens to reduce the requirement to print out Old IT equipment donated to charities</p>	<p>Raising environmental awareness is a core function for SEPA both through regulation and its influence role.</p> <p>Practical actions include:</p> <p>Green Network of co-ordinators who take responsibility for recording and reviewing progress. Intranet pages on 'Greening SEPA' Produce Internal Environment Report each year - www.sepa.org.uk/pdf/publications/ann_env_report/greenings_eпа0607.pdf</p>	<p>SEPA's Internal Environmental Policy commits SEPA to measure its energy consumption and set targets to minimise its use. It also optimises the efficient and effective use of energy and support the use of energy from sustainable renewable sources, where appropriate or possible.</p> <p>Practical actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficient bulbs throughout • Lights on movement timers • Reminder posters to switch things off 	<p>SEPA has a commitment to ensure that all new built SEPA buildings achieve an 'excellent' rating using Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Methodology.</p>	<p>SEPA's Internal Environmental Policy commits that SEPA will encourage the use of public transport by its employees wherever appropriate. It also encourages the use of systems such as teleconferencing as a substitute for travelling.</p> <p>Through monitoring SEPA is already aware that emissions from transport make up the greatest proportion of SEPA's carbon footprint.</p> <p>The Corporate Plan has a specific target of CO2 reduction from all transport modes of 10% by March 2011 below 2006/07 baseline.</p> <p>Practical actions include:</p> <p>Travel hierarchy in place (ie. is travel necessary? can I use public transport, is my only option to drive?) Car share to work database Business travel calendar Video conferencing facilities in nearly all offices (during 2006/07 250,000 work miles were recorded as saved through its use) Additional expenses paid if passengers taken on business trip Support cycle to work scheme Offices have bike racks and showering facilities</p>	<p>This is also SEPA's core business. SEPA aims to provide an efficient and integrated environmental protection system for Scotland; a system that will both improve the environment and help deliver the Scottish Government's overall purpose.</p> <p>Practical actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce basic habitats and species inventory for SEPA premises • Vary grass cutting regimes • Put up bird boxes 	<p>SEPA's Internal Environmental Policy commits SEPA to require its suppliers of goods and services to operate to high environmental performance standards. Suppliers are asked to demonstrate their commitment to environmental best practice. SEPA, where practicable, purchases the least environmentally damaging materials.</p> <p>Practical actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable wood sources are required for all office furniture • Green electricity contract • only 100% recycled paper used • Only Low energy white goods purchased • Less damaging cleaning chemicals used