

THE MORAY COUNCIL

ENERGY POLICY AND STRATEGY – NON DOMESTIC PROPERTIES

Energy Policy – Statement of Commitment

The use of energy is vital in our operation and the provision of services to our community. The importance of controlling our energy consumption and associated carbon dioxide emissions has never been so high.

The Scottish Government has proposed mandatory long-term targets to reduce the country's greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. As a signatory to the Scottish Climate Change Declaration the Council has demonstrated its commitment to playing its part in mitigating the effects of climate change. To achieve this the Council will ensure that:

- Energy management is fully integrated across all relevant decision making to reduce energy consumption, costs and carbon emissions in all buildings it occupies or operates.
- Sufficient resources are in place to meet the objectives of the policy.
- Energy awareness of all staff is raised and maintained within the Council.
- This policy and strategy document is made public and that progress against its objectives is reported to Policy and Resources committee on an annual basis.

Objectives

- Reduce the Council's energy consumption by 2% per annum on a year to year basis.
- Ensure that the Council's position in respect of the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme and the Carbon Management Programme are optimised.

Energy Strategy

Key to achieving our policy objectives is to develop an Energy Strategy setting out how the policy objectives will be met.

This strategy applies to all energy use within buildings occupied or operated by the Council. The specific objectives of the strategy are:

1. To record energy and carbon consumption by using monitoring and targeting processes.
 - Energy consumption in Council buildings will be monitored and the information recorded on a suitable database and reported back to Building Managers.
 - Consumption in buildings will be analysed against benchmarks to identify those buildings with the largest capacity for savings.
 - Energy audits will be targeted at inefficient buildings to determine what improvements can be made.
 - Energy invoices will be checked and approved by the Energy Officer for accuracy.
 - Review procedures for processing and checking energy invoices.

- Ensure that high quality energy consumption data and data pertinent to carbon reduction projects are collated.
 - Prepare annual reports to show the progress of the Carbon Management Programme.
2. To increase awareness of energy efficiency measures.
 - Improve Building Managers and Council staff's awareness of energy issues.
 - Continue to promote energy reduction initiatives to both public and private sector partners.
 - Continue to raise energy awareness throughout Moray.
 3. Promote and develop new and innovative ways of saving energy/water.
 - Include energy efficiency requirements in design briefs, planning permissions and building warrants.
 - Share information about projects with other organisations in order to spread best practice.
 - Consult an energy specialist when developing new build/refurbishment projects.
 4. To reduce water consumption and costs and use water efficiently.
 - Carry out site surveys to identify projects that will improve water efficiency and produce cost savings.
 - Implement water efficiency projects identified from site surveys

Monitoring and Review

This policy and strategy will be reviewed annually by the Energy Officer and be revised as directed by the Corporate Management Team.

Approved by
Chief Executive

Date