



Herefordshire Council Corporate Environment Strategy

PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/08



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This report summarises performance information available for 2007/08 as of 13th August 2008.

The strategy itself is available on the web at
[http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/Environmental_Strategy_Summary - 12-08.pdf](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/Environmental_Strategy_Summary_-_12-08.pdf)

Waste

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Decrease the amount of waste generated per person	• Decrease the amount of household waste collected per head	BV 84a & b JMWS Target 2	521.7kg	505.76kg	483.33kg
	• Decrease the amount of Council generated trade waste per employee (including paper recycled)	GEM	(328,600/1480) =222 kg	(255,590/1400) = 182.6kg	Awaiting data
Decrease the amount of waste going to landfill	• Decrease both the percentage and tonnage of household waste arisings sent to landfill	BV 82d (i) & (ii)	76.11%	72.86%	69.57%
	• Decrease the amount of Council trade waste sent to landfill	GEM	271.1 Tonnes	204.74 tonnes	Awaiting data
Increase the amount of waste recycled or composted	• Increase both the percentage and tonnage of household waste arisings that are recycled	BV 82a (i) & (ii) JMWS Target 4	17.31%	18.7%	22.80%
	• Increase both the percentage and tonnage of household waste arisings that are composted	BV 82b (i) & (ii) JMWS Target 5 JMWS Target 1 JMWS Target 6	6.58%	7.36%	7.63%
	• Increase the amount of Council generated trade waste recycled through the Office Recycling scheme	GEM	57.5 tonnes	56.49 tonnes	Awaiting data
Increase the number of people with access to recycling	• Increase the percentage of household residents served by the collection of recyclables	BV 91 JMWS Target 3	62.28%	68.0%	73.0%
	• Increase the number of Council employees with access to recycling	GEM	37 Offices served	All offices now served	All offices now served
	• Decrease the cost of waste collection per household • Decrease the cost of waste disposal per tonne	BV86 BV87	£44.69 £78.99	£47.03 £79.09	£55.01 £86.48

Transport

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Promote walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of children walking or cycling to school at schools participating in SRTS Increase the number of schools with Adopted School Travel Plans Encourage businesses within the county to address issues of transportation (to be changed to 'the percentage of Hereford workforce covered by travel plans') Improve the public right of way network and promote its use by the public (percentage of total lengths of right of way in the LA area that are easy to use by the general public) Increase the number of cycling trips by the public (index at 2001/02 =100) 	LTP T8	(biennial)	No comparable data for 06/07	37% walking 2% cycling
		LTP T6 LTP T9	63 20 (24.8%)	85 26.3%	95 26.9%
		BV 178a	52%	49%	Awaiting data
		LTP T5	113	118.99	110.86
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of Council staff cycling a) to work and b) to meetings 	GEM	a) +5.29% b) 1595 miles claimed	a) +29% over 3 years b) 1086 miles claimed	a) Data due December b) Awaiting data
Increase the use of public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of passenger journeys per year on public transport (Bus & Rail) Increase the accessibility of public transport services - journeys on low floor buses (index 2001/02 = 100) 	BVPI 102 LTP T1+2 LTP T1 (LTP2 in place 06/07)	B: 3,248,935 R: 3,079,000 112	B: 3,433,043 R: Not available Indicator has been changed in LTP2	B: 3,355,000 R: Not available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of staff members travelling on public transport a) to work and b) to meetings 	GEM	a) - 36% b) 394	a) - 4% over 3 years b) 399
Reduce the dependence upon the car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict the growth of the annual average daily traffic (AADT) volumes i) in Herefordshire (index 2001/02 = 100) ii) Rural and Hereford Reduce car mileage claims from Council staff 	LTP11 & 3	i) 99.6 ii) 100.4	i) 100.63 ii) 101.71	i) 99.39 ii) 101.51
		GEM	2,338,103	2,282,567	Awaiting data
Improve the County's roads and footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the condition of the County's roads a) Principle roads, b) Non-principle roads, c) classified roads (percentage of road type needing further investigation) Improve the condition of surface footways (percentage of footways where structural maintenance should be considered) Increase the number of pedestrian crossings with facilities for disabled people Time taken to rectify street lighting faults (days) under control of a) LA and b) Network Operator Decrease the number of temporary road closures Decrease the number of KSI road accident casualties (all/children) 	BV 223, 224a, 224b	a) 21% b) 49.5% c) 22.2%	a) 14% b) 21% c) 24.28%	a) 6% b) 11% c) 32.0%
		BV187	30.68%	31.0%	11.2%
		BV165	80%	92%	92%
		BV 215a & b	a) 10.3 b) 47.1	a) 8.85 b) 56.15	a) 6.61 b) 9.5
		BV100	0	0	0
		BV99 (a,b,c,d&e)	141/8	119/10 (2006	133/11

Energy & Climate Change

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease carbon dioxide emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per head of population/year 	Corp PI	9.49 tonnes (Defra 2003 data/pop)	10.43 tonnes (Defra 2004 data /pop)	9.4t CO2 (Defra 2005 data /pop)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the fossil fuel and electricity consumption of operational council properties 	BV 180a Baseline 2004/05 11,899t CO2	11,008t CO2	12,429t CO2	11,916t CO2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from activities directly controlled by the Council or upon which it has an influence by 1.25% 	CMA/ PPI 4d Baseline 2004/05 12,933t CO2	11,859t CO2	13,259tCO2	12,767t CO2
Support and promote energy efficiency measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve energy efficiency for all housing sectors 	HECA	1.77%	1.83%	Data due October
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the energy costs of operational Council property per square metre Gross Internal Area 	PPI 4b (AMP)	£9.23	£14.05	Awaiting data
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity costs (excluding schools) <i>Added in for 06/07 report</i> 	Based on account codes	£1,347,409	£1,618,825	£1,656511
Support and promote renewable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the use of renewable energy sources where they are economically and environmentally sustainable through the Unitary Development Plan 	Permissions granted	1	5	Data due October
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to secure 100% renewable electricity for operational Council properties. 	GEM	Contract renewed	Contract renewed.	Contract not renewed

Water & Flooding

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Promote more efficient use of water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Where relevant, all new developments will be required to minimise resource use, including water and energy) 	None	recommend replacement of this objective		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the cost of water in Council operational buildings per square metre Gross Internal Area (GIA) 	PPI 4c (AMP)	£1.83	£1.70	Awaiting data
Mitigate flood risk through adoption of the Unitary Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure the County's environmental resources by taking a precautionary approach to flood risk, having regard to the flood plains of the Rivers Wye and Lugg and their tributaries 	Number of applications approved against EA advice in relation to flooding	1	1	Awaiting data
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Ensure that where development is proposed in locations at risk of flooding, it should be demonstrated that there are no reasonable options available in a lower risk category, consistent with other objectives.) 	None	Recommend replacement of this objective when Environmental Strategy is reviewed in 2008.		
Respond effectively to major flooding incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively manage the emergency response to flooding events through a) response exercises, b) incidents logged and c) Flood Forums held 	N/A	a) 1 b) 2 c) 2	a) 1 b) 40 c) 2	a) 0 b) 4 c) 2
Improve the quality of the County's Rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to improvement in the County's rivers in 'very good' or 'good' categories for both a) Biological and b) Chemical General Quality Assessments 	SOH F6	a) 85% 2004 b) 83% 2004	a) 84% 2005 b) 84% 2005	2006 data not yet available on audit commission website

Natural & Built Environment

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Protect and enhance the County's biodiversity assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and maintain a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) with an effective monitoring and reporting system 	N/A	BAP complete	Now on BARS. Began revision of BAP.	Revision due for completion end August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and issue supplementary planning guidance (SPG) on landscape character, biodiversity conservation and trees 	N/A	Tied in with adoption of UDP	UDP adopted in 2007 confirming status of SPG.	Objective to be reviewed for 2008/09
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the proportion of Council owned land without a nature conservation designation but managed for Biodiversity purposes 	Corp PI (& GEM)	NA (Figures quoted in previous reports found to be inaccurate)	25.34%	31.1%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) owned by the Council 	PSA6	-	*5 sites found on NE website 3 were classed favourable / recovering	Awaiting data
Conserve the built and historic heritage of the County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of Conservation Areas with Character Appraisals 	BV 219	a) 1.5%	a) 12.5%	a) 25%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and issue planning guidance on the historic environment 	N/A	These will be subject to review as part of Environment Strategy review in 2008		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review conservation areas and expand the Buildings at Risk Survey 	N/A			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Council owned historic environment assets and issue guidance for their management 	N/A			

* Definitive figures for all Council owned sites not available. Figures quoted are taken from a sample that could be identified on the NE website.

Planning & Development

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Implement a Unitary Development Plan which contains clear principles to protect the environment Promote those forms of development that have a positive impact upon the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote forms of environmental management which minimise the depletion of scarce non-renewable resources, reduce energy consumption and waste, and encourage use of recycled and renewable resources (P5) The UDP will favour forms of land use and development which work within the environmental capacity (P6) Protect, restore and enhance environmental assets giving special attention to irreplaceable resources and the distinctive character of local environments (P7) Promote sustainable land use and management, especially through the restoration, re-use and enhancement of degraded environmental assets (P8) Promote better accessibility to work, services and facilities in ways which reduce the overall need to travel and promote the use of non-car based transport (P9) Promote high design standards in the location, setting, layout and construction of both new development and improvements to existing developments. High priority will be given to energy efficiency in terms of design, use location and transport (P10) 	<p>These are principles and as such as not intended to be directly measurable. A review of more appropriate objectives which would offer some way of measuring progress against the aim are being investigated.</p>			<p>The Environment Strategy is being reviewed during 2008 at which time these aims and objectives will be replaced.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of development taking place on Brownfield land 	BVPI 106	71.3%	76.7%	74.6%
Improve the efficiency of the planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the time in which planning applications are determined: a) Major Applications, b) Minor Applications, c) Other Applications, d) Standard searches 	BVPI 109 & 179 <i>(BVPI 179 deleted April 2006)</i>	a) 61% b) 74% c) 82% d) 75.94%	a) 75% b) 84% c) 92% d) not reported	a) 68% b) 79% c) 89% d) not reported

Environmental Risks & Pollution

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Reduce levels of pollution Investigate and take action to deal with contaminated land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the annual mean levels of nitrogen dioxide at sites in Hereford and the Market Towns (av. Change) 	SOH	- 8.5ug/m ³ (2005 total 243.7ug/m ³)	+ 22.7ug/m ³ (2006 total 266.4ug/m ³)	- 48.8ug/m ³ (2007 total 217.6ug/m ³)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of pollution control improvements on existing permitted industrial installations completed on time 	BVPI 217	95.29%	96.8%	97.9%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of new reports of abandoned vehicles that are a) investigated within 24hrs of notification and b) removed within 24hrs of being confirmed as abandoned. 	BVPI 218a & b	a) 83% b) 90%	a) 98% b) 99%	a) 94.74% b) 97.83%
Investigate and take action to deal with contaminated land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify (a) sites of potential concern in terms of contamination and (b) increase the percentage of those sites for which sufficient detail is available to decide whether remediation is necessary 	BVPI 216a & b	a) 5,910 b) 0.15%	a) 2896 b) 0.2%	a) 2892 b) 0.04
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and address contamination of land controlled by the Council. 	Registered sites	1	1	1
Improve Environmental Health and Trading Standards services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the score against a checklist of enforcement best practice for environmental health 	BVPI 166a	45%	98.75%	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the score against a checklist of enforcement best practice for trading standards 	BVPI 166b	78.75%	100%	100%

Community Involvement & Partnership Working

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Promote environmental management systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of local businesses with an accredited environmental management system (either EMAS or ISO 14001) <i>review of this objective to include:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> number of members of HBEA number of companies who have attended at least one seminar 	N/A	HBEA set up	a) 18 b) 72	a) 24 b) 50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the Council's environmental management system throughout all services and directorates. 	GEM	6 remaining blocks	All services and directorates now covered	All services and directorates now covered
Promote awareness of environmental issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the (a) number of schools registered on the Eco-Schools programme and (b) the number that have achieved one of the award levels 	N/A	(a) 72 (b) 17	(a) 81 (b) 49	a) 86 b) 62
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage householders to improve the energy efficiency of their homes (number of householders advised by the service) 	Provided by EEAC	2956	1478	Due October
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase staff awareness of GEM and environmental issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> staff opinion survey results (% aware) numbers trained in GEM and through induction process 	Staff Opinion Survey In house training	a) not in survey b) 12 GEM / 221 induction	a) not in survey b) 17 GEM / 234 induction	a) 81% b) awaiting data
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and contribute to the work of the Herefordshire Partnership Ambition Groups covering environment and transport (number of meetings attended) 	N/A	4	Ambition groups stopped June 2006	Not applicable
Improve the cleanliness of the local environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the proportion of relevant land and highways with unacceptable levels of: a) Litter & detritus, b) Graffiti & c) Fly posting. 	BV 199a/b/c	a) 18% b) 3% c) 2%	a) 17% b) 2% c) 1%	a) 14% b) 2% c) 0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the number of incidents and increase the number of enforcement actions taken to deal with fly-tipping. 	BV 199d	Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 3

Glossary of abbreviations

GEM	Good Environmental Management (the name for the Council's Environmental Management System)
BV / BVPI	Best Value Performance Indicators (set by the Government)
PPI	Performance Indicators
JMWS	Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (2004 - 2034)
LTP	Local Transport Plan
KSI	Killed & Seriously Injured
PSA	Public Service Agreement
CMAPI	Carbon Management Action Plan
EA	Environment Agency
HECA	Home Energy Conservation Advice
BARS	Biological Action Recording System
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
EEAC	Energy Efficiency and Advice Centre
NE	Natural England (successor to English Nature and parts of DEFRA)
UDP	Unitary Development Plan
SOH	State of Herefordshire Report
HBEA	Herefordshire Business Environment Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report

Environment Strategy Review

A number of the strategy objectives have proved difficult to provide quantitative data on, and some new commitments have been entered into since the strategy was written in 2005. In addition, the Council launched its 'Steps to Sustainability' initiative in 2008 of which the Environmental objectives are a key part. Therefore, the Environment Strategy review will be closely tied in with the production of a Steps to Sustainability Strategy in 2008.