



Herefordshire Council Corporate Environment Strategy

PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/09

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This report summarises performance information available for 2008/09 at September 2nd 2009.



Environment Strategy Review

The strategy is due for revision in 2009/10 as it has proved difficult to provide quantitative data on some of the objectives set in 2005 and many new commitments have been entered into since the strategy was written. Additionally in 2008/09 the new reduced National Indicator set came in, changing data sets collected (these are marked "not measured" in the table). The new CAA framework now includes a 'Use of Natural Resources' section.

Waste

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Decrease the amount of waste generated per person	Decrease the amount of household waste collected per head	BV 84a & b JMWS Target 2	505.76kg	483.33kg	Changed indicator: NI 191 Residual waste per household 690.01kg
	Decrease the amount of Council generated trade waste per employee (including paper recycled)	GEM	(255,590/1400) = 182.6kg	Awaiting data	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)	72.86%	69.57%	NI 193 – Municipal waste landfilled 64.61%
	Decrease the amount of Council trade waste sent to landfill	GEM	204.7tonnes	163.2 tonnes	150.7 tonnes
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	18.7%	22.80%	NI 192 - % household waste recycled or composted 33.24%
	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	7.36%	7.63%	
	Increase the amount of Council generated trade waste recycled through the Office Recycling scheme	GEM	56.49 tonnes	Awaiting data	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	68.0%	73.0%	74.8%
	Increase the number of Council employees with access to recycling	GEM	All main offices now served	All main offices now served	All main offices now served

Transport

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
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	No comparable data for 06/07	37% walking 2% cycling	37% walking 2% cycling
		LTP T6 LTP T9	85 26.3%	95 26.9%	102 31.0%
		BV 178a	49%	39%	Data not recorded
		LTP T5	118.99	110.86	114.96
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of Council staff cycling a) to work and b) to meetings 	GEM	a) +29% over 3 years b) 1086 miles claimed	a) Data due December b) 1,215	Staff transport survey due shortly b) 2,328 miles claimed
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: 3,433,043 R: Not available Indicator has been changed in LTP2	B: 3,355,000 R: Not available	B: 3,667,000 (NI177) R: 141 (indexed from 2003/2004)
	<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) - 4% over 3 years b) 399	a) Data due December b) Awaiting data	Staff transport survey due shortly
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 	LTP11 & 3	i) 100.63 ii) 101.71	i) 99.39 ii) 101.51	i) 98.13 ii) 98.09
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce car mileage claims from Council staff 	GEM	2,282,567	2,696,285	2,800130
Improve the County's roads and footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the condition of the County's roads a) Principal roads, b) Non-principal roads, c) unclassified 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 <p>Time taken to rectify street lighting faults (days) under control of a) LA and b) Network Operator</p>	BV 223, 224a, 224b	a) 14% b) 21% c) 24.28%	a) 6% b) 11% c) 32.0%	a) 4% b) 11% c) 20%
		BV187	31.0%	11.2%	20.6%
		BV165	92%	92%	87%
		BV 215a & b	a) 8.85 b) 56.15	a) 6.61 b) 9.5	a) 2.9 b) 12.85

Energy & Climate Change

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
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	10.43 tonnes (Defra 2004 data /pop)	9.4t CO2 (Defra 2005 data /pop)	9.5 Defra 2006
	Reduce the fossil fuel and electricity consumption of operational council properties	BV 180a Baseline 2004/05 11,899t CO2	12,429t CO2	11,916t CO2	11,930t 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% 	CMAPI/ PPI 4d Baseline 2004/05 12,933t CO2	13,259tCO2	12,767t CO2	27,730 t CO2 (NI185 - includes contractors)
Support and promote energy efficiency measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve energy efficiency for all housing sectors 	HECA	1.83%	1.72%	Data due October 09
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the energy costs of operational Council property per square metre Gross Internal Area 	PPI 4b (AMP)	£14.05	Not collected	Not collected
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity costs <i>Added in for 06/07 report</i>	Based on account codes	£1,618,825	£1,656,511	£2,199,461
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	5	17	Data due in Dec 09
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to secure 100% renewable electricity for operational Council properties. 	GEM	Contract renewed.	Now good quality CHP	Good quality CHP + renewables for street lighting

Water & Flooding

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
	<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)	£1.70	No longer collected	No longer collected
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	No longer collected
	<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) 40 c) 2	a) 0 b) 4 c) 2	a) 0 b) 2 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) 84% 2005 b) 84% 2005	Environment Agency website gives location specific detail but no overall figures	

Natural & Built Environment

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Protect and enhance the County's biodiversity assets	• Prepare and maintain a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) with an effective monitoring and reporting system	N/A	Now on BARS. Began revision of BAP.	Revision due for completion end August	Revision complete, now on BARS
	• Develop and issue supplementary planning guidance (SPG) on landscape character, biodiversity conservation and trees	N/A	UDP adopted in 2007 confirming status of SPG.	Objective to be reviewed for 2008/09	Currently being updated
	• Increase the proportion of Council owned land without a nature conservation designation but managed for Biodiversity purposes	Corp PI (& GEM)	25.34%	31.1%	Replaced by Local Area Agreement target on Special Wildlife Sites (SWSs)
	• 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	Awaiting data
Conserve the built and historic heritage of the County	• Increase the percentage of Conservation Areas with Character Appraisals	BV 219	12.5%	23%	23%
	• 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		
	• Review conservation areas and expand the Buildings at Risk Survey	N/A			
	• Review Council owned historic environment assets & 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	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
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) 	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.	The change to the Local Development Framework means these objectives require review.	The Annual Monitoring Report submitted by Planning each December is on the council website. It includes chapters on transport, minerals, waste, natural heritage and renewable energy.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of development taking place on Brownfield land 				

Environmental Risks & Pollution

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
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	+ 22.7ug/m ³ (2006 total 266.4ug/m ³)	- 48.8ug/m ³ (2007 total 217.6ug/m ³)	Not measured
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of pollution control improvements on existing permitted industrial installations completed on time 	BVPI 217	96.8%	97.9%	Not measured
	<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) 98% b) 99%	a) 94.74% b) 97.83%	Not measured
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) 2896 b) 0.2%	a) 2892 b) 0.04%	Not measured
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and address contamination of land controlled by the Council. 	Registered sites	1	1	Awaiting data
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	98.75%	100%	Not measured

Community Involvement & Partnership Working

AIM	OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) number of members of HBEA b) number of companies who have attended at least one seminar 	N/A	a) 18 b) 72	a) 24 b) 50	a) 19 b) Awaiting data
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the Council's environmental management system throughout all services and directorates. 	GEM	All unitary council functions covered	All unitary council functions covered	As before + policy commitment to extend to PCT
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) 81 (b) 49	a) 86 b) 62	a) 105 b) 80
	<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	1478	6500	7836
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase staff awareness of GEM and environmental issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) staff opinion survey results (% aware) b) numbers trained in GEM and through induction process 	Staff Opinion Survey In house training	a) not in survey b) 17 GEM / 234 induction	a) 81% b) awaiting data	a) not in survey 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	Ambition groups stopped June 2006	Not applicable	Herefordshire Environment Partnership reformed.
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) 17% b) 2% c) 1%	a) 14% b) 2% c) 0	For new indicator and data see performance report
	<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 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
CMAF	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 (now replaced by Local Development Framework)
SOH	State of Herefordshire Report
HBEA	Herefordshire Business Environment Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report
NI	National Indicator (replaced BVPIs in 2008/09)

The strategy itself is available on the web at

http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/Environmental_Strategy_Summary_-_12-08.pdf