

Consultation on the Development of a Tewkesbury Borough Climate Change Strategy

Background

Tewkesbury Borough Council is currently developing a Climate Change Strategy and would like to invite you to contribute to the consultation process.

The strategy aims to encourage measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from the borough and set out adaptations needed for a warmer climate. The main action areas it aims to covers are:

- Improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses
- Encouraging the use of renewable energy
- Reducing emissions from transport
- How we can adapt to a changing climate

Consultation Draft Strategy Document

Although the strategy will recognise the importance of government policy its success will be also be heavily dependent on the achievements of local organisations and individuals. The current consultation draft is the result of a process that aimed to draw in expertise from across both the Tewkesbury Borough Council and the wider Tewkesbury Borough community.

Two workshops were held to inform the development of this strategy. The first was an internal group with representatives from a broad range of Council services. This workshop looked mainly at how energy is used within the Council and what could be done to reduce emissions.

The second workshop involved over 20 representatives from community and public organisations with the aim of looking at barriers and opportunities amongst the wider community to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to a changing climate.

The Severn Wye Energy Agency are supporting the Council in the development of this strategy by providing support on the development process, emissions modelling, building surveys and the production of this document.

Consultation

The Council would welcome all views on the discussion document. In particular we are interested in your views on the following:

- Is the strategy easy to read and understand?
- Do you agree with the issues laid out in the document?
- What additional issues/ information do we need to include?
- Do you agree with the contents of the action plan tables? Is there anything that needs to be added or changed?
- The current entries for the 'responsibilities' and 'resources' columns in each action plan are suggestions only. Do you think we have the right organisations listed? Are there any important organisations, bodies or individuals that we have overlooked?

- How does the strategy affect you? Would you or your organisation be happy to sign up to it? Are there any areas where you could be involved with delivering the plan?
- We would like to include 'fact boxes' in the strategy, which would explain key concepts and issues. These are currently separated from the main text on page 41. Do you think these fact boxes should all be included? Are there any other areas or issues which need a fact box?

Where possible, please link your comments to specific sections of the consultation document. Where you feel the content of the strategy should change please try to specify what should be added and what should be removed. This will make it easier to incorporate the detail of your comments.

Consultation Responses

Responses should include a title page with the following information:

- Name
- Organisation (if appropriate)
- Contact details (postal, email and telephone)
- Date.

A hard copy or electronic copy of your comments on the discussion document with title page should be returned to the Severn Wye Energy Agency by Friday the 15th of October.

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