

# REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE

Report No.15

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| <b>Date of Meeting</b>              | 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2006   |
| <b>Title of Report</b>              | <b>Climate Change Working Group Terms of Reference and Appointment</b>   |
| <b>Portfolio</b>                    | <b>Environment</b>   |
| <b>Link to Corporate Priorities</b> | The activity of the Climate Change Working Group would have an impact on a number of Council Priorities, including; Partnership Working, Housing, Spatial Planning (including Local Plan and Local Development Framework), Waste and Recycling |
| <b>Key Decision</b>                 | No   |
| <b>Executive Workplan Ref</b>       | N/a  |
| <b>Public Report</b>                | YES  |

## Summary of Report

This Report seeks approval of Terms of Reference for a Climate Change Working Group and appointment of Councillors to the Working Group.

## Officer Recommendations

**That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Working Group be approved as set out in Appendix 1 and that the Executive appoints 5 Members to the Group.**

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

| Financial Implications | Legal Implications | Community & Environmental Implications | Human Resources Implications | Equality & Diversity Implications |
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| Yes                    | None               | None                                   | None                         | None                              |

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Report seeks to gain approval for Terms of Reference for a Climate Change Working Group.

**2. Options and Options Appraisal**

2.1 Option 1: To approve the Climate Change Working Group Terms of Reference as Appendix 1.

2.2 Option 2: To amend the Climate Change Working Group Terms of Reference contained in Appendix 1 and to approve.

2.3 Option 3: Not to approve Terms of Reference for a Climate Change Working Group.

**3. Background Information**

3.1 At its meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006, the Executive considered a Report from the Carbon Trust entitled 'Energy Management & Opportunities Assessment for North Wiltshire District Council.

3.2 The Executive made several recommendations, outside of the perimeters of the Carbon Trust Report, including an investment programme to (amongst other issues) look at establishing the authority as a sustainable energy exemplar, to promote sustainable energy in local communities, to investigate alternative fuels for Council vehicles and to look at employee transport through the Pay & Rewards Scheme.

3.3 The establishment of a Climate Change Working Group, would provide a focal point to address the aforementioned issues.

**4. Risk Analysis**

4.1 There are no specific risks arising from the approval of the Terms of Reference.

**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 Principally officer time, to be met within existing resource.

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| <b>Appendices:</b>  | Appendix 1 – Climate Change Working Group Draft Terms of Reference.   |
| <b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b> | Energy Management & Opportunities Assessment for North Wiltshire District Council – Report of the Carbon Trust. |

**Previous Decisions Connected with this Report**

| <b>Report</b>  | <b>Committee &amp; Date</b>          | <b>Minute Reference</b> |
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| Carbon Trust Report - Large Scale Programme to Reduce Energy Consumption | Executive 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2006 | E191                    |