

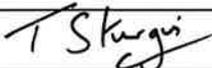
# WiltSCAN

## Wiltshire Declaration on Climate Change

We recognise both the threat of climate change, and the new opportunities of the low carbon economy, offering energy security, long term jobs, prosperity and protection of our wildlife and countryside. Wiltshire and Swindon with their history of advanced manufacturing, innovation, creativity, and strong communities, are well-placed to take the lead and to reap the rewards of so doing.

We support the legal UK target of an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, and commit to contributing our share by reducing the carbon footprint of our own organisations. We will work together to share experience and promote low carbon action.

Signed:



Name and position:

Toby Sturgis - Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning (strategic and development management), Property, Waste and Strategic Housing

Organisation:

Wiltshire Council

Date:

22 October 2015

## Supporting information

Please provide the following information, which may be used in promotion on the WiltSCAN website and elsewhere. WiltSCAN reserve the right not to publish or promote the names of signatories, if there is not enough evidence of practical carbon reduction.

**What is your organisation *already* doing to reduce carbon? Please give carbon or energy reduction figures, if available. Max. 100 words.**

- Energy consumption from corporate estate reduced by 35% since 2010/11
- 120 invest to save energy efficiency projects have been implemented at a cost of £4.4 million, saving 2580 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> and £617,000 on annual council energy spend
- ISO50001 accredited Energy Management System
- Installation of solar panels on corporate buildings saving £114,000 and 276 tCO<sub>2</sub> to date
- Streetlight dimming and part-night lighting strategy
- Electric pool cars
- Council business mileage emissions reduced by almost a third
- Installation of public rapid electric vehicle charging points at strategic points in the county
- Biomass boilers scheme in schools and campuses saving £131,000 and 769 tCO<sub>2</sub> to date
- Insulation of 1,430 homes across Wiltshire
- Setting ambitious recycling and reduction of waste to landfill sites
- Over thirty schools have engaged in carbon reduction programmes
- Wiltshire Core Strategy includes policies for renewable energy and sustainable construction
- Installation of 2,500 high efficiency boilers in council housing by 2018

**What are your carbon reduction plans for the next 5-10 years? Please give any carbon or energy reduction targets. Max. 100 words.**

- The council has a target to reduce its carbon footprint by 11,823 tCO<sub>2</sub> by March 2017 compared with its 2010/11 footprint. We will therefore continue to reduce organisational energy demand, costs and emissions through energy efficiency projects and renewable energy projects.
- Wiltshire has already met its landfill reduction target to landfill less than 25% by 2014. In 2014/15 only 20% of waste was landfilled.
- Wiltshire has almost met its household recycling target to recycle 50% by 2014. In 2014/15 the recycling rate was 46.4%; and performance against the target was promising in the first quarter of this financial year (2015/16), at 49.8%.
- We aim to promote Low Carbon Developments through planning policy
- We have committed to work with partners through our Energy Resilience Plan to reduce Wiltshire's carbon footprint.

**Please list and send us any supporting information (eg. carbon reduction plan,**

## sustainability policy).

Wiltshire is committed to action on climate change through the following:

- As a [signatory](#) of Climate Local, the successor of The Nottingham Declaration, Wiltshire Council has developed a number of [commitments](#) to act on carbon dioxide reduction and climate change issues. These commitments will be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis.
- The council has an [environmental policy](#) (see Appendix 1)
- All Cabinet decisions are screened for environmental and climate change implications
- The council has an [ECO Strategy](#) and ECO Board chaired by the lead Cabinet member
- The Council's [Carbon Management Plan](#) and associated Action Plans set out how the council is going to reduce its own carbon emissions, as well as influencing and supporting others to reduce their carbon emissions.
- The Corporate Plan targets a CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction by:
  - Raising awareness and encouraging behavioural change to reduce wasteful practices
  - Implementing energy efficiency measures ranging from installing energy efficiency technology in buildings and ICT
- The council is currently producing an Energy Resilience Plan with an outward-facing action plan for Wiltshire that sits alongside the commitments for its own estate and operations. The key activities to be delivered are set out and will provide the basis for monitoring.  
The plan covers four action areas:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Affordable warmth
  - Sustainable transport
  - Low carbon energy
- The council plans to review and refresh its [Climate Change Adaptation Plan](#) in 2016.
- The planning system offers significant opportunities to build sustainable communities that are resilient to the anticipated consequences of climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The council's planning powers currently include setting policy through Wiltshire's Core Strategy and development management process. Detailed evidence ensures new policies help to deliver low-carbon and decentralised energy.
- The council provides dedicated [home energy efficiency advice](#) on its website
- Wiltshire Council is committed to reducing fuel poverty in Wiltshire and partners with Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service to run [Warm & Safe Wiltshire](#). The aim is to improve energy efficiency of homes across Wiltshire through advice, information and practical measures.

For more information or to discuss signing the Declaration, please email

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