

NI 188 Self-Assessment Matrix

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Overview information

Name of authority/Local Strategic Partnership: (please include the names of all organisations covered in this matrix)

Wiltshire Council

Is NI188 in your Local Area Agreement: (ie Yes, No or Local indicator)

Yes

What level are you reporting? (ie 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4)

Level: 1

NI 188 priority indicator holders in two-tier authorities only: record your LAA level of achievement.

Level:

Level 0: Baseline	
The authority has begun the process of assessing the potential threats and opportunities across its estate and services (for example, flood and coastal resilience plans, emergency planning, community risk registers/strategies etc) and has identified and agreed the next steps to build on that assessment in a systematic and coordinated way.	
Criteria	Evidence
Criteria to be achieved for this level.	Add an X next to the examples of evidence provided and/or add in a description of your own evidence (Box will expand as required)
<p>a. The authority has begun the process of assessing the potential threats and opportunities across its estate and services</p> <p>Text in red = last year's submission</p>	<p>Other/additional evidence</p> <p>In June 2006 Wiltshire County Council Cabinet approved the adoption of a Carbon Management programme for the county council, working with the Carbon Trust to review and develop a Carbon Management Action Plan and Strategy for CO₂ reduction in respect of management of estates/energy usage.</p> <p>In response to the Pitt Review Wiltshire Councils developed an action plan and gap analysis in respect of flooding . Salisbury DC carried out a strategic flood risk assessment which contains all forms of flood risk both now and in the future due to the likely impacts of climate change (http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/sfra-executive-summary.pdf).</p> <p>Wiltshire Council has set up an Environmental Alliance as part of the Wiltshire Family of Partnerships which is working to identify priorities and opportunities for improvement in Wiltshire re. climate change/biodiversity</p> <p>Salisbury DC, North Wiltshire DC and Kennet DC signed up to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and also produced the following report for scrutiny panel. This report looked into a number of recommendations for both mitigating against and adapting to, climate change in south Wiltshire (http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/climate-change-oands-report.pdf.) In light of the LGR none of the adaptation</p>

	<p>recommendations has been met. The above scrutiny report will continue to be an important document for the new Wiltshire climate change team.</p> <p>A document review has been undertaken in accordance with the Local and Regional Partnership Board (LRAP) 2008 Guidance Notes for NI188. Detailed research was undertaken to produce a reliable and repeatable methodology. Twenty documents were reviewed which were mostly 'key statutory' or 'key non statutory' and many had particular relevance to climate change. The documents were chosen to provide an initial identification of broad areas. The documents are representative of council plans and strategies and the document review provides an identification of how climate change adaptation is already being addressed by the council.</p> <p>The assessment process considered four main questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recognising 'changing weather patterns' and 'extreme weather events'2. Recognising 'projected climate change' and 'possible impacts'3. What type of adaptive capacity has already been built/ could be built4. What type of adaptive actions have already been delivered/ could be delivered. <p>Documents were scored against four adaptation levels and this was based on detailed methodology. The four scores were: 'not started'; 'foundation'; 'intermediate'; and 'advanced'. Documents from other authorities considered to represent best practice, such as the Islington Climate Change Strategy, were also assessed to check the assessment process was robust.</p> <p>Overall, 15 of the documents reviewed achieved the 'not started' score and none reached the 'advanced' level. Two documents achieved the 'foundation' score and three the 'intermediate' level.</p> <p>Key results included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fewer than half of the documents contain information on weather or projected climate change or possible impacts2. There are twice as many references in the documents to adaptive capacities rather than adaptive actions3. Very few documents make any reference to opportunities associated with possible climate change impacts. <p>The Wiltshire Climate Change Adaptation Plan should include recommendations for how climate change adaptation can be embedded more successfully into future plans and policies.</p>
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	<p>Further details are set out in the Level 1 Report April 2010: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climatechangeadaptation.htm</p> <p>A Climate Change Board has been established – made up of senior managers from across the council and chaired by the Member Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Cllr Toby Sturgis. The Board meets on a regular basis and receives updates on all aspects of climate change.</p>
<p>b. has identified and agreed the next steps to build on that assessment in a systematic and coordinated way</p> <p>Text in red = last year's submission</p>	<p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial project plan in place for the next stage • Resources determined <p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <p>A climate change team for the new council is planned to lead on taking forward the preparatory work done so far by the five councils in Wiltshire regarding Climate Change adaptation.</p> <p>Identified risks will also be integrated into Business Continuity Planning for Wiltshire Council</p> <p>An initial project plan was approved by the Climate Change Board (Wiltshire Council) and the Wiltshire Environmental Alliance (Wiltshire LAA Thematic Delivery Partnership) in December 2009.</p> <p>An initial consultation document was circulated to each council department and LAA Thematic Delivery Partnership in December 2009. This document included a brief outline of the project plan, an explanation of the requirements of NI188 and also a short questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed to capture useful baseline information and help inform the development of the revised project plan (Level 1.4).</p> <p>The initial consultation document is available from the following web link: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climatechangeadaptation.htm</p> <p>The results to the questionnaire are set out within the Level 1 Report April 2010: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climatechangeadaptation.htm</p>

<p>Level 1: Public commitment and prioritised risk-based assessment</p> <p>The authority has made a public commitment to identify and manage climate related risk. It has undertaken a local risk-based assessment of significant vulnerabilities and opportunities to weather and climate, both now and in the future. It can demonstrate a sound understanding of those not yet addressed in existing strategies and actions (eg in land use planning documents, service delivery plans, flood and coastal resilience plans, emergency planning, community risk registers/strategies etc). It has communicated these potential vulnerabilities and opportunities to department/service heads and other local partners and has set out the next steps in addressing them.</p>	
<p>Criteria</p>	<p>Evidence</p>
<p>a. Made public commitment to identify and manage climate related risk.</p>	<p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council signed the Nottingham Declaration in May 2009 and this was re-affirmed in October 2009 • Training for Wiltshire Council elected councillors on climate change was held in March 2009 • Further training and workshop will be organised as part of the Level 2 work in July 2010 • The Corporate Plan 2010-2014 includes the following key outcomes with regards to climate change: • “We will reduce our carbon emissions by 20% of our 2008/09 baseline by 2013/14. This is a key milestone for our overall target of a 50% reduction by 2020, improving on the national target for that date of 34%. • “By September 2010, we will produce a Local Climate Impacts Profile and undertake a comprehensive risk assessment to understand the consequences of unavoidable climate change across all community areas in Wiltshire. By April 2011, we will produce an action plan detailing work we will do to reduce the impacts of, and improve our response to, events such as extreme weather and flooding • “By 2014 we will have a range of pilot energy efficiency and renewable energy projects with at least one in each of Wiltshire’s community areas – from micro-generation to home energy efficiency projects. These will be developed with communities with the aim of sharing and replicating best

	<p>practice across the county and beyond”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Wiltshire Council Climate Change Strategy is planned to be adopted in October 2010 setting out policies for both carbon reduction and climate change adaptation. <p>Further details are set out within the Level 1 Report April 2010: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climatechangeadaptation.htm</p>
<p>b. Undertaken local risk-based assessment of significant vulnerabilities and opportunities to weather and climate, both now and in the future.</p>	<p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <p>The council is in the process of producing a Local Climate Impacts Profile (LCLIP) in accordance with methodology set out in the LRAP guidance. The LCLIP is being prepared in partnership with Climate South West (formerly the South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP)) and is being funded by the South West Regional Improvement Programme (SWRIEP). This work will be completed in July 2010 and will help inform the risk assessment (Level 2) work which will take place immediately thereafter. The LCLIP will identify key vulnerabilities for other public sector bodies in Wiltshire and the final LCLIP report will be shared with them and other Local Strategic Partners.</p>
<p>c. Has a sound understanding of significant vulnerabilities and opportunities not yet addressed in existing strategies and actions.</p>	<p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <p>In February 2010 six officers from the climate change team and spatial planning attending adaptation training at Imperial College, London.</p> <p>An assessment of UKCP09 data has been made to consider possible climate changes in Wiltshire. This work has been completed by a spatial planning officer who has attended dedicated training into UKCP09 run by the Met Office. This work has considered predicted changes to both temperature and precipitation in the winter and summer for the 2020s, 2050s and 2080s.</p> <p>Headline findings, based on the medium emissions scenarios, include likely changes in temperature: increases in annual mean temperature by 1.2 °C and 1.7°C by the 2020s, by 2.2 °C and 2.9°C by the 2050s and by 3.1 °C and 4.1°C by the 2080s.</p>

	<p>The findings of this work are set out within the Level 1 Report April 2010: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climatechangeadaptation.htm</p> <p>The UKCP09 predictions will also be fed into the Level 2 Comprehensive Risk Assessment and shared with the Thematic Delivery Partnerships.</p>
<p>d. Has communicated significant vulnerabilities and opportunities to department / service heads and other local partners that have an influence over these.</p>	<p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <p>Presentations have been made to all council department management team meetings and to each LAA Thematic Delivery Partnerships during the December 2009 to May 2010 period. These were designed to raise awareness of the climate change adaptation and NI188 work and have been very well received. The presentations were also used to introduce the external partnership to the UK Climate Impacts Programme's BACLIAT tool (Business Areas Climate Impacts Assessment Tool) to take back to their internal business risk assessors. Further meetings and workshops will be held as part of the ongoing Level 2 work.</p>
<p>e. Set out the next steps in addressing significant vulnerabilities and opportunities.</p>	<p>Other or additional evidence:</p> <p>A revised project plan has been prepared which builds on the Level 0 and 1 work and sets out detailed methodology for completing Level 2. The Comprehensive Risk Assessment work will consist of three parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a reference group to help coordinate the Level 2 work which will be part of the council's existing Resilient Council Group. This group includes performance and risk managers, emergency planners, council insurance staff and departmental risk leads. Engagement of the Local Strategic Partnership will also be established through the Wiltshire Public Service Board (PSB) and the Wiltshire Co-ordinating Group. 2. Run a workshop for council and LSP representatives to help raise awareness and understanding of the NI188 process and climate change adaptation in general. This workshop will be run during July 2010 and will be facilitated by the Climate Outreach Information Network (COIN). 3. Undertake risk assessment of all council service activity. The LSP will also be encouraged to

	<p>undertake similar risk assessment activity alongside the council and the council will share its methodology with them, including the LCLIP and UKCP09.</p> <p>Methodology for undertaking the risk assessment is based on learning from the South West NI188 Network and in particular on experience gained by Dorset County Council. A template has been produced which will form the basis for the risk assessment and has been approved by the Resilient Council Group. The template will be used to assess the risk to the council from weather events in the short term (0 to 5 years) based on findings from the LCLIP and on the medium term (2050s) based on findings from the UKCP09 findings. The risk assessment will rely on interviews with representatives from different services across the council and a final report is expected to be completed by the beginning of November 2010.</p> <p>The Revised Project Plan is set out within the Level 1 Report April 2010: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climatechangeadaptation.htm</p>
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