

## Emerging Priorities and Actions

In the context of climate change and the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in all sectors including transport, the strategy for Warwickshire is intended to:

- Support Public Sector leadership to guide the County of Warwickshire from where it is now to where it needs to get to (60% reduction by 2050) whilst acknowledging that there are competing pressures for commitment and resources
- Reduce wasteful and unnecessary energy consumption and improve energy efficiency, therefore saving money on fuel costs
- Increase the consumption and generation of renewable energy
- Maximise uptake of business and employment opportunities
- Eliminate fuel poverty
- Integrate climate change and energy into existing strategies and the planning framework
- Promote appropriate tree planting and other offset schemes for those emissions which cannot be avoided
- Ensure Warwickshire has optimum access to funding for sustainable energy initiatives

### 1. Leadership– priorities for Warwickshire

1. A new kind of leadership with open partnership working which enables all to take action.
2. Map organisations and activities that are already helping to reduce carbon emissions.
3. Collation of base line energy data from which to set targets and measure progress.

### 2. Education and awareness – priorities for Warwickshire

1. Win hearts and minds of staff in Strategic Partner Organisations and the general public – with an effective and adequately funded, branded county-wide communications campaign.
2. Formation of a one-stop shop for energy advice.
3. Creation of a library of keynote papers that help people understand climate change and reduce carbon emissions.

### 3. Low carbon construction – priorities for Warwickshire

1. Win hearts & minds – communicate the relevant issues to elected members, portfolio holders, planning committee members, building control officers etc.
2. Ensure existing building regulations are complied with.
3. Work together to prepare for the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and the production of energy performance certificates.



#### **4. Low carbon travel – priorities for Warwickshire**

1. Lead by example - Public procurement of fuel-efficient vehicles and bio-diesel.
2. Get reduction of carbon emissions into the local transport plan.
3. Examine how to tackle air travel emissions – through offsets (such as tree planting)

#### **5. Low carbon generation – priorities for Warwickshire**

1. Map renewable energy resources in the county and produce a technology supplier list.
2. Ensure a robust electricity distribution network to ensure a secure supply, which accommodates all future embedded generation schemes.
3. Provide a planning framework that requires new developments to incorporate at least 10% renewable energy.

#### **6. Low carbon business and employment – priorities for Warwickshire**

1. Promote existing services run by the Carbon Trust to SMEs.
2. Create a business network where waste from one company becomes the resource of another.
3. Identify common themes (e.g. skills and training needs) and set up a mentor scheme to allow larger companies and smaller companies to come together to share skills for mutual benefit.

#### **7. Low carbon living – priorities for Warwickshire**

1. Enable everyone to calculate the carbon footprint of his or her own houses.
2. Translate targets into easy to understand actions.
3. Let people know what's happening - monitor and report on progress.

#### **A Low Carbon Energy Strategy For Warwickshire – Summary of Priorities**

1. Warwickshire specific energy stats on which to set targets and measure progress.
2. An active strategy that is not just a piece of paper that sits on a shelf.
3. Leadership, action, monitoring and reporting.
4. Hearts and minds – a well-funded campaign with a consistent message of the implications of climate change in Warwickshire.
5. Partnership - working together to share knowledge and resources.
6. Mapping of resources.

