

## Energy

# Working with the Carbon Trust

### *Overview*

- Objective:** 1.To increase the number of organisations in the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership working on Carbon Management Action Plans (CMAP).
- Main Partners:** **Carbon Trust, Warwickshire County Council (WCC), Coventry University, Warwick University, Local Businesses**
- Audience:** Any organisation wishing to manage their carbon emissions.
- Rationale:** The Carbon Trust helps businesses and the public sector to cut carbon emissions and support the development of low carbon technologies. The development of a CMAP provides a strategic focus for carbon management efforts in order to demonstrate environmental performance improvements.
- Web Link:** [www.carbontrust.co.uk](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk)
- Further Info:** Customer centre Tel: 0800 085 2005.

### *Working with the Carbon Trust*

WCC is currently the only Local Authority in Warwickshire to have worked with the Carbon Trust to develop a Carbon Management Action Plan (CMAP). This Action Plan briefly summarises council policy with regard to carbon management, provides an inventory of corporate emissions, sets out the key action that will be taken to reduce emissions and summarises the mechanisms by which implementation will be monitored and reviewed.

The Carbon Trust currently works with 143 councils across the UK - 30% of the sector.

Two other Partners have worked with the Carbon Trust to develop a CMAP:- The University of Warwick and Coventry University.

*"Our participation in the programme, with assistance from the Carbon Trust, has provided a strategic focus for our carbon management efforts. At a time of ever-increasing stakeholder awareness, such a focus has proved invaluable in order to demonstrate environmental performance improvement"*

Nick Hillard – Environmental Officer, University of Warwick

### *Carbon Trust Activities*

The Carbon Trust offer interest free energy efficiency loans, which are a cost effective way of replacing or upgrading existing equipment with a more energy efficient version. Small and medium size enterprises that have been trading for at least 12 months, could borrow from £5,000 to £100,000. It is unsecured, interest free and repayable over a period of four years. Twenty of these interest free loans have been taken up within the CV postcode area to the end of Jan 2007 totalling £550,000.

Nationally:

- 5,000 site surveys carried out in 2005/2006.
- 23,000 telephone calls to the customer centre.
- 450,000 unique user website hits.

185 organisations in both the public and private sectors in Warwickshire received a 'Carbon Trust product' between 30/3/05 and 3/4/07. Some organisations received more than one product.