

Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership Review 2008

Building the Basis for the Future

Partnership Satisfaction Questionnaire

Knowledge about climate change and related issues has moved on since the launch of the Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy in 2006. The Partnership currently serves two main purposes: 1. allowing engagement with the many stakeholder groups in the county, and 2. extending our resources and reach in terms of influence and what we can achieve. It's time to consider what the Partnership is delivering and what you now consider is important. Even if you've not been involved since the beginning, please provide us with feedback by filling in this questionnaire. Its aim is to find out:

- ❖ What you originally hoped the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership might achieve.
- ❖ Whether it has met your expectations. If not why not,
- ❖ How the Partnership can best help individual Partners, and
- ❖ How it can be maintained and made more effective.

Please indicate in the boxes on the left hand side which five of the following actions you consider are the most important for the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership to deliver. Rank these from 5 (most important) to 1 (least important). You can use 'Other' to add your own suggestions.

AVERAGE SCORE

Average score	
4.20	Build capacity by sharing good practice across all Partners, identifying training needs, identifying potential partners for mentoring schemes and providing the opportunity to pass on experience
3.40	Increase efficiency by pulling together overlapping work and joint funding so that limited resources can be used more effectively.
3.40	Facilitate communication by providing a forum for information dissemination, discussion and debate and through stakeholder events.
2.80	Ensure coordination of actions to ensure actions are joined up and cross-cutting.
3.00	Prioritise action by identifying and addressing issues that are most relevant to Partners.
2.75	Influence and inform policy by bridging the gap between climate science and policy needs.
3.00	Establish benchmarks or standards , including developing an action and emissions monitoring and reporting system.
2.67	Secure funding including exploring European sources.
2.25	Gain 'ownership' of issues surrounding climate change in the County of Warwickshire through increasing the number of Partners.



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ORDER OF PRIORITY

4.2	Build capacity by sharing good practice across all Partners, identifying training needs, identifying potential partners for mentoring schemes and providing the opportunity to pass on experience
3.4	Increase efficiency by pulling together overlapping work and joint funding so that limited resources can be used more effectively.
3.4	Facilitate communication by providing a forum for information dissemination, discussion and debate and through stakeholder events.
3.0	Prioritise action by identifying and addressing issues that are most relevant to Partners.
3.0	Establish benchmarks or standards, including developing an action and emissions monitoring and reporting system.
2.8	Ensure coordination of actions to ensure actions are joined up and cross-cutting.
2.8	Influence and inform policy by bridging the gap between climate science and policy needs.
2.7	Secure funding including exploring European sources.
2.3	Gain 'ownership' of issues surrounding climate change in the County of Warwickshire through increasing the number of Partners.

Responses To Questions

1. What is the reason you are involved or interested in the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership? What did you hope to get from it?

- To see Warwickshire achieve a hefty CO₂ reduction target and to see progress on results year by year.
- Peer support to share best practice and identify quick wins.
- Access to regionally important funding mechanisms.
- Support for innovative technologies in development.
- Look for opportunities to expand our activity and direct our objectives.
- Information about initiatives in the county.
- Backing for initiatives in Stratford.
- As a water utility we are high energy users and our operations will be highly impacted by climate change. We need to work with all stakeholders to manage this situation and optimise our resources and minimise the impact on the environment.
- Work in Sustainable Travel and so interested more particularly in anything



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that contributes to our goals / is relevant to us.

- Great opportunity for knowing what is going on in Warwickshire.
- Making public sector contacts.
- Raising innovative actions.
- Gaining support for ideas.

2. What have you learned / do you value from being involved in it?

- That Warwickshire County Council is active in climate change mitigation and is very active to see real change soon.
- Information dissemination.
- Information regarding event.
- The 'Switch it Off' campaign etc.
- Gaining a better understanding of what else is happening.
- Technical information.
- Useful background information.
- The chance to let other parties know what our issues are and the challenges we face.
- Overall knowledge of events / campaigns coming up.
- Such a wide range - but in particular considering the importance of the public sector in LEADING climate change activities.
- It has been good to hear of the opportunities and the barriers to uptake of technologies, procurement strategies etc. I hope that I bring an external viewpoint into this - and provide some 'glue' in working project initiatives up particularly when they involve public and private sector partnership.

3. Has being involved or kept informed about the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership met your expectations?.

- Yes.
- Yes to date - but I also feel a sense of underachievement by the partnership. Is this shared? Perhaps my own over expectation?
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Bit of both (yes and no_ - whilst WCCP has been a great information exchange and contact network I feel that it has very little 'clout' in terms of making things happen in Warwickshire. Given the great communication work that Jacky, Gillian and Emma do, I wonder whether it has real support from WCC and whether any of the activities we discuss have any chance of realisation?



4. If No, then please explain why not and how it can be improved. How could it best support your organisation?

- The review has come at an appropriate time because now we should focus effort on the 'big wins' in terms of managing future carbon reduction efforts.
- Basically I would like the WCCP to have more teeth and impact upon the County actions to combat climate change.

5. Please provide any other suggestions for maintaining interest and improving the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership:

- We have very little time to avoid catastrophe - I would like to see a dramatic quickening of pace.
- The partnership needs greater contribution from private sector and also high level LA (WCC) commitment to ensure climate change integrated into all activities (e.g. planning control etc.).
- More partnership events.
- Presentations from other groups at the County (e.g. Sustainable Travel).
- Mention in your publications what Severn Trent Water is doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Relevant depts from WCC (and I guess district/borough authorities) do not seem to be represented e.g. waste. It would be good to hear which of the long list of initiatives and activities have any real chance of being implemented at County or district level. Also it would be useful to know more of what these depts are doing to meet low carbon and climate challenge - strategies etc. Otherwise WCCP is in danger of becoming simply an information exchange, and not itself being a catalyst for change (apologies if that was never it's intention!).

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