

Environment Partnership, 23 October 2009

Agenda Item 5

Progress report on LAA2 targets

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of progress on LAA2 targets for climate change during the first and second quarters of 2009-2010, and project plans for the remainder of the year. A summary of performance during 2008-2009 was submitted to the meeting of the Environment Partnership on 20 May 2009 (Item 4).

2 Background

- 2.1 The following two climate change targets are part of the Local Area Agreement 2:

- NI 185: CO₂ reduction from local authority operations
- NI 188: Adapting to climate change

Further details of the targets are in Appendix 1.1 below.

Oxfordshire County Council provides the target lead for both targets, and convenes the target delivery group which includes representatives from all district councils, GOSE, and the UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP). Other organisations including the Environment Agency have participated in the groups.

3 Progress on LAA2 targets in Q1 and Q2

3.1 NI 188: Adapting to climate change:

All local authorities completed and submitted their self assessments to Defra in May 2009. The target level submitted for Oxfordshire as a whole was level 1. This includes undertaking, and communicating “a local risk-based assessment of significant vulnerabilities and opportunities to weather and climate”, as well as planning for the next stage. The delivery group has since reviewed a single matrix which pulls together all the information submitted separately by each council to the data hub.

All six local councils in Oxfordshire have completed or in the process of completing Local Climate Impact Profiles. The next stage, and a requirement for the target level 2, is for councils to undertake a “comprehensive risk assessment” and to engage with partners by working through the Local Strategic Partnerships. To do this a workshop event is planned with the LSPs and thematic partnerships in January 2010. The aim is to work with organisations such as the health service, using a risk based approach both to develop their awareness and to determine the level of responses to weather events by different organisations across the county.

Further details of projects and actions completed are in Annex 1.3.

3.2 **NI 185: CO2 reduction from local authority operations:**

All local authorities have now succeeded in calculating their carbon emissions, which has enabled the 2008 baseline to be finalised and submitted to Defra in August 2009. A summary of the baseline is in Annex 1.2. The group is now working to produce quarterly monitoring data, but this has not yet been possible for all areas of work.

4 **Challenges and risks**

The risks to delivery of each target are summarised in Appendix 1.1. The RAG rating for progress on NI 188 was reported as amber for the second quarter; however the majority of councils are currently making good progress in addressing the requirements to meet this year's target level. The RAG rating for NI 185 is red, due to the fact that Oxfordshire County Council is currently not meeting its CO2 reduction target. These risks will need to be kept under review by the target delivery group and Environment Partnership.

5 **New arrangements for performance management and reporting on LAA2**

- 5.1 The approach to LAA performance reporting has been amended, and guidance about performance management has been circulated to the partnership. From now on Thematic Partnerships are expected to performance manage the targets for which they are responsible. However, any target which has been red or amber for two consecutive quarters will be considered by PSB with the Chair of the particular Thematic Partnership. The LAA targets will be subject to a GOSE 'refresh' around November.

6 **2009-10 project plans**

- 6.1 The Delivery Group has developed 2009-2010 programme plans for both areas of work. Priorities and events/ milestones include:

NI 188:

- Widening group membership: involving other organisations and agencies eg Health service, police, and emergency planning in future meetings
- Reviewing outcomes and pulling together findings of LCLIPs (Local Climate Impact profiles)
- Learning how to use UKCIP '09 climate data
- Special meeting re implementing comprehensive risk assessment
- Workshop event for LSPs and thematic partnerships in January 2010

NI 185:

- Producing quarterly monitoring data
- Seeking greater support from Carbon Trust
- Event for contractors in 2010
- Initiating new projects to reduce carbon footprints

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Appendix 1.1 : Background notes: LAA2 climate change targets

The following two climate change targets are part of the Local Area Agreement 2:

- NI 185: CO2 reduction from local authority operations
- NI 188: Adapting to climate change

National Indicator	Target	Timescale	Baseline	Progress against target
NI 185: CO2 reduction from local authority operations Target lead: Vickie Cossins	6% reduction on 2008 baseline by 2011	Submit 2008 baseline in July 2009 Final reporting date, July 2011	Will be approx 90,000 tonnes CO2	Target reduced during refresh from 8% to 6% reduction.
NI 188: Adapting to climate change Revised guidance published in January 2009 Target lead: Susie Ohlenschlager	All local authorities to have reached level 3 by 2011 Interim targets: level 1 by April 2009 Level 2 by April 2010	Report on year 1 to data hub by 29 May 2009	Self assessment by all local authorities as Level 0 in 2008 ("Getting started")	The assessed target level for Oxfordshire on 29 May 2009 is Level 1, ("Public commitment and impact assessment")

NI 188 target levels:

- 0 Getting started
- 1 Public commitment and impacts assessment
- 2 Comprehensive risk assessment
- 3 Comprehensive action plan
- 4 Implementation, monitoring and continuous review

Risks to delivery of NI 188 targets

1. Lack of engagement by services in implementing risk assessments.
2. Lack of engagement by LSPs.
3. Lack of resources to enable sufficient staff support and implement measures.

Risks to delivery of NI 185 targets

1. Lack of funding for projects to reduce Carbon
2. Lack of support from contractors in reducing their footprints
3. Cold winters and hot summers mean any savings are negated by increased energy use
4. Lack of support from key buildings, schools, or staff to install energy saving measures
5. Lack of staff to implement projects

Appendix 1.2: NI 185: Revised baseline for LAA2 target submitted to Defra in August 2009

Revised calculations for NI 185 LAA2 target

	2008 baseline (tonnes)	Reduction	Actual CO2 Reduction each over two years
Vale of White Horse District Council	5,423	8%	433.84
Oxford City Council	8,676	15%	1301.4
Oxfordshire County Council	62,381	4%	2495.24
Cherwell	6,812	6%	408.72
West Oxfordshire	2,573	6%	154.38
South Oxfordshire	3,954	20%	790.8
Total	89,819		5584.38
Total % reduction			6.21737049

Appendix 1.3: LAA2 Delivery Group for NI 188: Outline forward plan for 2009-2010
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Quarter	Action	Link to target level	Meeting date/milestone	Comment
Q1	Submit Year 1 self assessment	0, 1	29 May	Level 1
	Developing working process: Set up Moodle site	2	2 July Oxford Launch of UKCP 09	Moodle site set up
	Planning priorities for 2009/10 Planning for level 2	2	8 July: Meeting	Project plans prepared (see moodle)
	Event planning	2 f	UKCIP national events	Autumn event withdrawn
	Funding bids: 1) LAA1 2) SE IEP	2,3	6 July, 2 Sept PSB decision SE IEP	1) Successful bid but no CCA 2) Unsuccessful
Q2	Engage LSPs and other partners	2 d, f	8 July LAA2 meeting	Approach agreed
	Build on LCLIPs: evaluate findings for Oxon	2 a, c, f	Further action to be decided.	Projects under way in Ox City and OCC
Q3	Present to LSP officers group	2 f	Date tbc	
	Invite Health reps	2 f	Nov 18 , health	SO/DH to invite
	Workshop with LSPs/thematic partnerships	2 f	January 2010	Details tbc (SO lead)
	Collect real examples of experience in Oxfordshire for presentations, websites etc	2 c, d, e	November 18 2009/ongoing	All to provide
	Resubmit funding bid to IEP	2 f	November 2009	DH, SO lead
	Extra meeting re risk assessment	2 a	December 2009	SO organise
Q4	Invite Police rep	2 c, d, e	January 2010 meeting	
	Start self-assessment and planning for year 3	2	February /March meetings	All

Updated forward plan

18 November 2009

2 December 2009

Jan 2010 – dates tbc

January 2010:

March 2010:

LAA2 delivery group; NHS to attend; bring examples from within Oxfordshire (councils and others)

Special meeting re risk based assessment, County Hall tbc

Workshop event with LSPs and thematic partnerships

LAA2 delivery group; police to attend meeting

Review self assessment