

ANGUS COUNCIL

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - 27 OCTOBER 2009

SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION  
FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND  
CORPORATE SERVICES

**Abstract: In February 2007 Angus Council "signed" the Scottish Climate Change Declaration and agreed to seven commitments in regard to climate change. Commitment Six of the Declaration requires the Council to "publish an annual statement on the monitoring and progress of our climate change response, detailing targets set, actions taken, outcomes achieved and further actions required". The attached document (Appendix I) is Angus Council's first Climate Change Annual Report.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agree the contents of this report.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 Following the report by the Chief Executive to Strategic Policy Committee in September 2006, (Report No. 1068/06 refers) the Council agreed to endorse the Scottish Climate Change Declaration, in February 2007 the then Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive signed the Scottish Climate Change Declaration thus committing Angus Council to carry out the actions outlined in the Declaration. The Declaration contained seven commitments and these are listed below:-

- (a) Work with the Scottish Executive and the UK Government to contribute to the delivery of Scotland's and the UK's Climate Change Programmes, including to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to future climate change scenarios.
- (b) Produce and publicly declare a plan, with targets and time-scales, to achieve a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from our own operations. This will include our energy use and sourcing, travel and transportation, waste production and disposal, estate management, procurement of goods and services, and improved staff awareness.
- (c) Ensure that greenhouse gas reduction and climate change adaptation measures are clearly incorporated into our new and existing strategies, plans and programmes, in line with sustainable development principles.
- (d) Assess the risks and opportunities for our services and our communities of predicted climate change scenarios and impacts, and take action to adapt accordingly and in line with sustainable development principles.
- (e) Encourage and work with others in our local community to take action to adapt to the impact of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- (f) Publish an annual statement on the monitoring and progress of our climate change response, detailing targets set, actions taken, outcomes achieved and further actions required.
- (g) Collaborate with other organisations to promote good practice of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

2.2 On signing the Declaration, Angus Council acknowledged the increasing impact that climate change will have on our community, Scotland and other countries during the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and committed to tackling the causes and effects of a changing climate within our local area.

2.3 The Sustainable Scotland Network developed a template as guidance to be used by local authorities to help them develop their annual climate change reports. The guidance document was used by the Environment and Sustainable Development Corporate Working Group to gather information in the development of this report and is attached as Appendix I.

2.4 In June 2009, all Council Leaders in Scotland were formally contacted by Councillor Alison Hay, Chair of COSLA's Climate Change Task Group. Councillor Hay requested that all local authorities should complete a Scotland's Climate Change Declaration Annual Report by early September 2009. Local authorities are requested to return their completed Annual Reports to the Sustainable Scotland Network for publication on Scotland's Climate Change website: [www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange](http://www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange)

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations contained in this report. It will however be important moving forward for the Council to consider allocating resources where necessary to allow its commitment to the Declaration to be satisfied. This may need to be addressed as part of future year's budget setting exercises.

### **4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no human rights implications as a result of this report.

### **5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An [equalities impact assessment](#) is not required.

### **6 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

- The carbon and ecological footprint of Angus are reduced.

### **7 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Head of Law & Administration and Head of Finance have been consulted on the terms of this report. In addition all Departments have been consulted through the Environment & Sustainable Development Corporate Working Group.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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## Scotland's Climate Change Declaration – Angus Council

### Section 1

#### Governance, Leadership and Management

The Community Planning thematic partnership group, Angus Rural and Environment Partnership are responsible for the management and monitoring of the following outcomes contained within the Angus Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement for 2009/12:

- Outcome 10: We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.
- Outcome 12: We value and enjoy our natural environment and protect and enhance it for future generations.
- Outcome 14: We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.

Corporate management of sustainable development (including climate change) is by means of a working group of officers comprising representatives from each department within the council called the Environment and Sustainable Development Corporate Working Group. This group reports to chief officers and/or through council committees – usually Strategic Policy Committee. The group has climate change within its remit and was instrumental in the council's adoption of a Carbon Management Programme.

Within Angus Council's Corporate Services Department the Property Services Division is responsible for the council's estate and has an Energy Management Unit working on reducing the council's energy use and carbon emissions from its buildings. Recently a Corporate Energy Management Group was reformed to drive forward the different aspects of energy efficiency in all the premises comprising the council's estate. This group meets on a quarterly basis to monitor energy use and put forward a programme of energy efficiency projects and measures on a longer term basis.

#### Section 1 Priorities for the year ahead

The Partnership will ensure that appropriate indicators and targets are agreed to support the delivery of the outcomes. Progress reports will be produced every six months and presented to the Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP) in January and June each year.

The partnership will develop a delivery plan against each of the outcomes with specific actions identified for each of the partner agencies.

The partnership will ensure that indicators, targets and actions "below the waterline" demonstrate clear accountability to individual agencies and/or departments. Officers of the partnership will ensure appropriate links are made to relevant strategies and/or plans. Linkages to the national outcomes will be clearly identified.

An analysis of the data should be undertaken at least once per year and inter-dependencies between outcomes of the other thematic partnerships will be considered in reports to the ACPP Implementation Group on a regular basis.

## Section 2

### Reducing the local authority's own direct greenhouse gas emissions from their estate and services.

The Carbon Management Programme (CMP) collated estimate annual carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from identified services. Figures for 2006-07 showed that emissions from council buildings, office waste, fleet and business mileage and street lighting totalled 26,714 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> comprising of:

- Buildings – 71%
- Transport (includes business travel) – 18%
- Streetlights – 10%
- Waste Collected – 1%

The Carbon Management Programme set a target of 15% reduction in current annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions rate by 2012. The CMP put in place an action plan to tackle these emissions and achieve the target by the due date through actions such as:

- PC Monitors and Workstations in Schools and Offices – installing software to reduce energy consumption.
- Printers – use 7 day timers on network printers and power down units on stand alone printers to reduce energy consumption of peripherals attached to PCs.
- Installation of 7 day timers on all photocopiers, vending machines, water coolers, microwave ovens and coffee machines.
- Change from quarterly meters to half hourly metering-smart meters.
- Energy Saving Awareness Programme.
- Installation of Biomass Boilers
- Conversion of T12 lighting to T8 fluorescent lighting.
- Installation of powerPerfactor equipment in council buildings.
- Draught proofing of buildings.
- Internal energy management arrangements – reforming a corporate energy management group.
- Implementing a staff Travel Plan

In addition to the CMP the council's Housing Division has been carrying out a programme of works on council housing which has contributed to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the area, e.g.

- Replacement of old gas heating boilers and systems to increase efficiency in 2,237 houses over last 5 years.
- Installed a pilot air source heat pump in a council house to replace an old electric storage heating system to evaluate cuts in carbon and fuel costs.
- All lofts topped up to current standards of 270mm over last 4 years.
- Various external and internal wall insulation works to flatted properties.

The Housing Division has recently completed the 10 year HECA programme to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>. This resulted in a 20% reduction in domestic energy use and a 21% reduction in carbon emissions. Current energy target is NHER 5 for all council houses through the SHQS by 2015.

### Section 2 Priorities for the year ahead

The council will continue to implement the actions contained in the Local Authority Carbon Management Plan focussing on areas which provide greatest CO<sub>2</sub> savings whilst ensuring that we continue to deliver value for money. It is imperative that in the year ahead the council have plans in place to allocate sufficient funding, implement technologies and improve building stock to meet our legislative requirements in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> reductions. This will be looked at in conjunction with the Carbon Reduction Commitment and it may be the case that this subsequent plan will supersede the Local Authority Carbon Management Plan.

The Housing Division will evaluate the results of the pilot air source heat pump and look at the options for replacing existing heating systems with more carbon efficient systems.

### Section 3

## Taking action to reduce the emissions from the local authority area

According to the Local Footprints website (produced by the Stockholm Environment Institute - 2004) Angus has:

an Ecological Footprint of 5.36 (gha/capita)  
a Carbon Footprint of 12.20 (tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/capita)  
a GHG footprint of 16.52 (tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>eq/capita)

### Eco Footprint Project

In 2003, Angus Council was the first local authority in Scotland to commission an analysis to determine the size of the ecological or eco footprint of Angus. The results of Angus' ecological footprint showed that Angus had an ecological footprint of 4.78 global hectares per capita (calculated by Best Foot Forward).

At the same time as the Angus wide ecological footprint was being calculated a further project was being carried out in Brechin - to determine the size of Brechin's eco footprint. At the time, Angus Council was seeking methods of engaging with the community to raise awareness of and instigate action in relation to Local Agenda 21 issues. Therefore it was decided to carry out a survey of households in the Brechin area to determine the size of the average household's ecological footprint. This involved inviting people to complete a questionnaire regarding their lifestyles, e.g. questions on travel, energy use, water, and shopping, waste and the local environment.

This was the first community based eco footprint project in Scotland. An eco footprint is normally calculated as a desktop exercise looking at resource flows in and out of an area and the results are then fed back to the community. However, this exercise involved the community in gathering the information to formulate the footprint.

Questionnaires were given out through schools in the Brechin area but were also available to the public through the libraries, housing office, and the local community centre. People were encouraged to take part through money-off vouchers for items that would help reduce their footprint, e.g. low energy "A" rated white goods and window blinds - donated by local stores. Other local businesses donated items for a prize draw, e.g. Safeway donated an organic hamper and other local stores donated a brand new bicycle, wild bird food and organic dog food. Everyone who participated in the project and returned a completed questionnaire received a free low energy light bulb.

Children participating through the schools all received a free goodie bag (made out of unbleached cotton), containing items which reinforce the message, e.g. recycled pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, mouse mats (donated by the Scottish Executive), and wildflower seeds (donated by Scottish Natural Heritage) as well as leaflets containing information about the environment.

Pre publicity included a leaflet explaining the project and the concept of eco footprinting being placed in the lid of every household's bin. Some publicity was also given through the local press, which included a photograph of schoolchildren participating in one of the schools and another with the businesses who sponsored the prizes.

A paper questionnaire was produced (on 100% recycled paper) because schoolchildren needed to take it home for help to complete it. However, people were encouraged to complete the questionnaire "on-line" at Best Foot Forward's website (Best Foot Forward are the consultants who developed the questionnaire and calculated the footprint). Most of the schools made arrangements for the children to complete their questionnaires "on-line" and the website also included a facility for teachers to request an eco footprint for their class.

The questionnaire also contained an insert page giving "Footprint Tips" on how to reduce the size of a household's footprint. The "Footprint Tips" page was loose and could be retained by the recipient for future reference. The schools also received a "Footprint Challenge" leaflet giving numerous ideas for projects and offering prizes for the best ones.

The results showed that the average household in Brechin had an ecological footprint of 4.4. gha per person - slightly lower than the Angus footprint (4.78) but still substantially higher than the earthshare of slightly less than 2 gha.

### **Aber-Dover News: Eco Footprint**

As a follow up to the Brechin City Limits project, two schools in the Brechin area (Aberlemno and Andover Primary Schools) worked with Angus Digital Media Centre and CSV Dundee Media Action to produce a video/dvd about ecological footprint and ways of reducing our impact on the environment.

The children involved in the video wrote the script, interviewed various experts, and carried out the filming, editing and postproduction procedures themselves. The video takes the form of a news report and highlights issues related to reducing the ecological footprint and the possible consequences of not doing so. The video tackles issues such as waste and recycling, energy from waste, biodiversity, transport, local food and farm shops, and shows a weather forecast highlighting the children's ideas on the consequences of global warming. The children recommend walking to school, saving energy, recycling and shopping locally through various bulletins and interviews. As well as the main version of the video, a shorter "highlights" version has been produced along with a "Making of" version showing behind the scenes footage.

The 'Buy Local in Angus' project produced a giant digital map detailing farm shops across the county in order to encourage people to buy high-quality food locally, thus supporting local producers as well as reducing transport and fuel impacts. Two senior pupils from Brechin High School together with the Angus Digital Media Centre scoured the countryside in Angus to locate the farm shops, took photographs and interviewed the farmers. The photographs were used to "frame" the map and the names and details of the products sold were tagged onto the map showing their location. The map is interactive and visitors to the centre were asked to complete a tag and place it on the map if they knew of a farm shop that has been missed - thus helping to complete the project.

Both projects went on display at the Angus Digital Media Centre (in Brechin) as part of a four-strand exhibition entitled "X-Country: Marking the Land" which ran to 10th September 2004. A grand launch event took place on 30 June 2004, which attracted more than 80 visitors. His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh paid a visit to the exhibition the following day as part of a Royal Tour of Angus whereby the children performed a live version of the video for the Duke's benefit. HRH Prince Phillip chatted to the children about the project and inspected the Farm Shop Map.

### **Angus Eco Teams (2003/04)**

Angus Council along with four other local authorities were invited by Global Action Plan (GAP) to take part in a pilot project to test the use of GAP's educational materials. The Eco Team programme is a practical community-based activity that helps households to reduce their impact on the environment and to save money. The council was keen to involve local communities in this type of work and accepted the invitation. In addition, the main aims of the project included improving peoples' quality of life, helping to build stronger community relations whilst saving people money and helping the environment.

Whilst GAP provided the materials; Eco Team workbooks and videos for the teams to watch, as well as analysing the results, it was left to the local authorities to set about recruiting volunteers. The different councils involved in the pilot did this in various ways. Angus Council recruited their participants through leaflets that were put out in all libraries, housing offices and museums, community councils and village hall committees as well as being on the council's website. Interest in the project grew and without any great publicity, ten Eco Teams were set up throughout Angus and participants recorded their waste and recycling, energy and water use over a period of three months. To help them in their endeavours and to encourage participation, the council provided Eco Team members with compost bins, green cones, wormeries, recycling boxes and low energy light bulbs. A team of "experts" was on hand to help individuals with any issues surrounding energy use, grants, etc. as well as assistance from the council's recycling officer. This innovative method of recruiting volunteers proved to be the most successful amongst the pilot local authorities.

Everyone who completed the programme received a free wind-up radio as a reward and participants invited on a trip to visit the Earthship and Ecology Centre in Fife where they learned more about the environment - 45 people came along on the outing and went home with some good ideas on how to be even more sustainable. Most people who took part in the programme really enjoyed it and very favourable feedback received.

The Eco Team project required the council to recruit 50 households to make up 8-10 Eco Teams. More than 80 people enquired about the project with 71 of them "signing up" to take part (more workbooks and videos had to be ordered to keep up with demand!). Ten Eco Teams were set up in the various towns and villages across Angus. The project officer (environment strategy) co-ordinated and organised the initial meetings in each town and thereafter the teams met once a month to look at a different topic each month. The project officer kept enthusiasm going by attending some of the teams' later meetings to offer further support. In all, nearly 50 people completed the project and returned their forms for the three months.

The Eco Teams received their results individually. However, Global Action Plan also did an aggregated report on the results, which showed that total waste had reduced by 3%, but recycling had increased from an already huge 51% to a whopping 58%! The average Scottish family sends nearly 38kg to landfill every month - Angus Eco Teams sends only 18kg per month - less than half the Scottish average!

Energy use decreased by 38% - considering the project ran over the winter in Northeast Scotland, this was a very good result indeed. In addition, most participants already recycled and were quite energy-efficient before joining the programme; otherwise, the results may have been even more startling.

Some people who took part in the Eco Teams project are keen to carry on, do more "on the ground" projects, and have volunteered to do some conservation work at a local nature reserve. In all, this has proven to be a very useful and practical way of raising awareness locally and making contact with people in the community. Some members of the Eco Teams came along to a seminar the council hosted on behalf of the Angus Environment Forum in May 2005 to launch the "State of the Environment Report" and have further increased their interest in the environment. Most Eco Team members have requested to be kept up to date with what is going on locally and are keen to receive regular information on environmental issues.

### **Angus Eco Teams 2008**

After the success of a previous Eco Team project in Angus (Scottish Gold Winner – Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice 2005), it was decided by the council's Environment and Sustainable Development Corporate Working Group to take up GAP's proposal of a second project but this time with a slightly different approach to Eco Teams whereby GAP trained facilitators to recruit and run their own Eco Teams.

The main objective of the project was to involve the community in a practical programme which would help them reduce their impacts on the environment and save money, and also act as a demonstration to others. This was to be achieved through advertising for volunteers to attend a training day facilitated by GAP. Fifteen volunteers were sought through advertising via a leaflet in local libraries, museums and Access offices.

The leaflet generated a great deal of interest in the community (including Angus Council staff). The training day was held on Saturday 23 February 2008 at The Meffan in Forfar. Twenty volunteers attended and it was a lively and very informative day. Participants also received on the day the items needed for them to get going with their Eco Teams which included workbooks, an instructional DVD, a set of scales (to weigh their waste), an energy saving meter (monitors and calculates the cost of running home lights and appliances) as well as heaps of information on how to live a greener life.

Those attending also received a presentation on composting waste from the local WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) Officer who had brought along a display of the various compost bins available.

The results showed that 64 households took part in the project. However, eight Eco Teams consisting of 40 households and 104 people returned their data for analysis. This showed a 29% reduction in waste going to landfill, an increase to 54% in recycling (as a proportion of total household waste), 12% reduction in electricity consumption, 17% reduction in heating energy consumption and 14% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from household energy consumption.

The report also highlighted what could be achieved if every household in Angus were encouraged to do the same, e.g. 4109 tonne reduction in waste to landfill, 17,721,000 kWh reduction in electricity consumption, 33,016,500 kWh reduction in heating energy consumption and a massive 14,405 tonne reduction in direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from household energy consumption.

The project was very successful in achieving its objective of involving the community in a practical programme and achieved some very good measurable results which have a favourable impact on the environment. Given the enthusiasm shown by those that took part it is expected that they would maintain those lifestyle changes undertaken in the Eco Teams programme and continue to reduce their impacts on the environment.

### **Eco Schools**

All schools in Angus are registered with Eco-Schools Scotland and 90% have achieved an eco-schools bronze award. 60% of schools have a silver award while 20% hold the prestigious Green Flag award. One primary (Tannadice) has renewed their Green Flag and is half way through the process of gaining permanent Eco School status.

The Eco-Schools programme promotes environmental awareness in a way that links to most, if not all, curriculum subjects. It works by involving the whole school - pupils, teachers and other staff, together with members of the local community - parents, the local authority, the media and local businesses. It encourages teamwork and creates a shared understanding of what it takes for a school to operate in a way that respects and enhances the environment.

Pupils in Angus schools are making an impact at school and community levels which ultimately has a global impact. Examples of projects include: litter prevention and community clean-ups, energy audits (in partnership with Angus Energy Management Unit) and action plans to reduce energy consumption in school and at home; school grounds and garden projects; growing fruit and vegetables to reduce food miles and promote healthy eating; school travel plans; waste minimisation initiatives; and developing / improving local biodiversity.

### **Section 3 Priorities for the year ahead**

Working towards the SOA target of:

"The carbon and ecological footprints of Angus are reduced" = 5.36gha/cap (2010/11).

The Council and the Community Planning Partnership will assist and support the Forfar Area Partnership in providing an Energy Awareness Day for local people.

## **Section 4**

### **Assessing the risks of climate change impacts and working with others to adapt to the impacts of climate change.**

The council engaged its Community Planning Partners in “signing up” to the Climate Change Declaration. Council officers involved in Angus Rural and Environment Partnership (a Community Planning Partnership - AREP) have taken the lead on a number of actions related to climate change. As well as showing leadership in these actions, council officers are now collaborating to deliver a number of actions concurrently, seeking to involve partners at all stages.

AREP was established early in 2008, with its first meeting in June of that year. This group has involvement from a number of agencies with a rural and/or environmental remit, including: Scottish Natural Heritage; Scottish Environment Protection Agency; Scottish Agricultural Commission; Forestry Commission, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, Angus Community Health Partnership, Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations, National Farmers Union, Tayside Police, Angus College and the Cairngorms National Park Authority.

All partners are committed to climate change adaptation and mitigation processes. All partners are aware of the issues and what is proposed to address them.

#### **Section 4 Priorities for the year ahead**

The Community Planning Partnership has recently been re-organised in Angus Council with the chairmanship of AREP coming under a different department. The first meeting of the newly organised structure was held on 6 July 2009. A presentation was given by Tayside Police’s approach to sustainability covering topics such as alternative transport methods, green construction and building renovation, CO<sub>2</sub> reducing heating systems and solar energy. Single Outcome Agreements were also discussed and a reporting calendar for monitoring performance of the 2009/12 was agreed. Six-monthly progress reports will be expected in December and June of each year from all of the Community Planning Thematic Partnerships. In addition, each Thematic Partnership will be asked to present their key priorities, evidence base in relation to local and national outcomes on 3 December 2009.

Over the past few months each Thematic Partnership has been working on identifying and agreeing appropriate indicators, targets and actions to help deliver on local and national outcomes. The Cairngorms National Park Authority also presented a paper entitled “Energy in the Park: Towards a low carbon National Park” outlining their work on reducing carbon emissions.

Angus Council is participating in the 2009/10 Local Climate Impacts Project with SNIFFER (Scottish & Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research). Angus Council will be developing a report on adverse weather events in the area over the last 8-10 years to highlight the impacts of climate change in Angus.

## **Section 5**

### **Developing effective partnership working and climate change communications, including producing an annual statement of plans, activities and achievements.**

Angus Council worked in partnership with the Carbon Trust to develop its Carbon Management Programme. The plan was approved by Angus Council's Strategic Policy Committee on 6 May 2008 and a certificate of achievement was presented to the council from the Carbon Trust.

The council also worked in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust and received free consultancy advice in developing the Travel Plan. The Travel Plan was approved by the Strategic Policy Committee in March 2008 and a corporate group has been set up to implement the actions in the plan.

The council's Housing Division works with various agencies in regard to energy conservation and efficiency targets such as SCARF (Save Cash and Reduce Fuel), Scottish Heca Officers Network forum, Energy Savings Trust, and EAGA. The Division has recently made a successful bid under the Scottish Government's 'Home Insulation Scheme' for the Brechin and Montrose area and surrounding rural areas. The scheme will cover some 13,000 houses and the insulation work will be undertaken by SCARF.

The Energy Management Unit continues to work closely with the Carbon Trust and The Energy Saving Trust in an attempt to reduce CO2 emissions. Recent examples include the preparation of a report to introduce new/renewable technologies at Orchardbank Business Park and the provision of awareness training to Sport Centre Managers to reduce on site energy consumption.

The Energy Management Unit have delivered training sessions on energy awareness to office staff, school teachers and sports centre staff throughout the past year. The EMU website is now available to all council staff and has a vast array of resources to assist individual employees and building managers to reduce energy consumption.

#### **What Angus Council has done on climate change communications:**

- Eco Footprint,
- Eco Teams,
- Eco schools,
- Conferences and Seminars,
- Energy Management Unit – training sessions, web etc.

#### **Building capacity on climate change – internally, with partners and/or with the community:**

The Environment and Sustainable Development Corporate Working Group works on raising awareness and building capacity within the council and within the community with regard to climate change. In June 2009, a meeting was called to which every department/service was requested to send a representative. This meeting was the first step in a process to try and establish where the council stood in relation to climate change. As a result of this meeting a questionnaire was developed and circulated to those who attended this meeting and the results are to be reported to chief officers.

#### **Section 5 Priorities for the year ahead**

The council will have a major supporting role in the delivery of the Government's 'Home Insulation Scheme' in the north east part of Angus.

Building on the work of the Local Climate Impacts Project and Local Climate Scenarios to help develop future climate change strategies for Angus.

## Climate Change Progress Highlights of the Past Year

- Carbon Management Programme
- Travel Plan
- Angus Rural Environment Partnership
- Angus Eco Teams Project
- EMU activities.