

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Energy Management Policy

Date 2010



This Policy addresses the following Corporate Aims (show those which are appropriate to the policy only):



COMMUNITY
SAFETY



CUSTOMER
SERVICES



ENVIRONMENT



REGENERATION



SOCIAL INCLUSION



STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Bolsover District Council Equalities Statement

Bolsover District Council is committed to equalities as an employer and in all the services provided to all sections of the community.

- The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminate all forms of discrimination in compliance with the Equality Strategy.
- The Council also has due regard to eliminate racial discrimination and to proactively promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups when performing its functions.

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If you need help to read this document please do not hesitate to contact us.

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BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL ENERGY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Declaration of Commitment

Bolsover District Council is committed to working towards reducing energy usage and its carbon footprint. In particular the authority will seek to minimise the adverse environmental effects from the use of fossil fuels within Council activities.

The Council recognises that it can have a direct impact on energy consumption by reducing the Council's use of energy in carrying out its functions e.g. heating and lighting corporate buildings, transport etc.

Objectives

Wherever practical the Council will take a proactive and responsible approach to implement the following objectives for the effective management and conservation of energy:

1. Monitoring energy and water consumption

Energy and water use within the Councils Corporate buildings will be periodically monitored and reported, with particular focus on the most energy intensive premises. Where practicable targets will be set to improve energy performance within the buildings consumption of electricity, fossil fuels and water. Various monetary savings have been built into this year's budget to reflect anticipated climate change targets, e.g. 3% year on year saving on emissions from Local Authority (LA) operations

2. Reducing carbon emissions

Supporting international/national policies and local energy efficiency targets for reducing energy related carbon dioxide emissions within Council premises and operations. Investigate, and where beneficial, implement practical solutions to improve energy efficiency. The authority has committed to reducing its carbon emissions by 3% year on year.

3. Enhancing the built environment

Incorporating economic energy efficient systems within the design, construction, refurbishment and maintenance of corporate buildings and domestic housing stock. Refer to targets in the Asset Management Plan (AMP) and Housing Stock AMP

4. Energy Procurement

Purchasing energy jointly with other authorities via an approved framework deal giving due consideration to best value, cost and environmental implications. Promote sustainable procurement through the purchase of energy efficient goods & services to support the Councils operations as outlined on a product by product basis in the Green Procurement Guide.

5. Energy advice and education

Raising staff awareness by providing energy/transport efficiency advice, and by the promotion and development of a culture of responsible energy use throughout the Bolsover District Council. Eco driving lessons are being organised for both depot staff and staff with the highest business mileage at Sherwood lodge. Other employees will hopefully have the opportunity to try the eco driving simulator provided by Energy Saving Trust (EST). A series of training sessions are to begin soon for staff. The training will help staff reduce both their own energy usage and that of residents they may come into contact with. 'ERIC' (staff intranet) will include hints and tips for staff to further reduce their usage in 2010 and will include links to other websites for further advice.

6. Renewable Energy

Identify opportunities for utilizing renewable and environmentally conscious energy sources within the Councils corporate and housing stock properties. Promote the installation and adoption of energy efficient, low carbon or energy generating systems. Expand to refer to existing measures, e.g. photovoltaic (PV) system at Sherwood Lodge, ground source heat pump at Pleasley Vale Greaseworks, existing measures at Depot and any additional works we are investigating / considering

7. Transportation

Recognising the energy impact of transport generated by the activities of the Council, including commuting and business travel and, where practical, working to reduce that impact. Consider fuel efficiency and emissions when procuring new or replacement fleet vehicles. Where appropriate implement measures to improve the fuel economy of existing council vehicles. EST have undertaken a Green Fleet review and a Freight Transport Association Audit has also been completed for larger vehicles. 10% saving is expected to be achieved on fuel usage by improved driver training for smaller vehicles. More energy efficient vehicles will be procured in the future, e.g. "A" to "C" rated vehicles for smaller vehicles and Euro vi for the larger fleet.

8. Partnership Working

Working with key partners, including other Local Authorities and external organisations, to implement and communicate the energy policy objectives. Networking with other "Energy Groups" including the Carbon Trust, Bolsover Energy Partnership and Energy Savings Trust to maximise the benefits of

external grants and resource support programmes. We are also engaged in the East Midlands Public reporting pilot where local authorities will publicly report on progress against climate change objectives, including energy management.