

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'E'

Climate change policy principles

- These matters have been considered and debated by the Task and Finish Group. The Task and Finish Group has concluded that the potential importance of these matters to the health and wellbeing of East Herts residents is such that the authority should considering adopting the matters as over-arching policy principles.
- The Task and Finish Group recommends that Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorses the policy principles and recommends to the Executive that they be adopted by the authority.

Activity
E1) The council will take a forward-thinking, longer term approach to renewable energy technologies, with the aim of maximising their use in new developments in the District.
E2) The council will proactively promote energy efficiency measures and strive to demonstrate their tangible benefits to residents, businesses and other partner organisations.
E3) The council will promote the principle of sustainable transport as a means of tackling climate change, particular with regard to the development of new neighbourhoods and garden towns.
E4) The council will proactively support the national Clean Air Day and promote the involvement of residents, businesses and other partner organisations in delivery of activities.
E5) The council will seek to enhance and promote local cycling and walking networks and encourage uptake of these activities in place of car use.
E6) The council will seek opportunities to encourage and grow the low carbon economy within the district.