

Agenda Item 6 Exercise – Environment Issues for Buckinghamshire

What can I/my organisation do differently?

Think Simple – insulation – switch off
Promote change in behaviour
Enable communities to do things rather than block things
Turn off computers
Greater amount of home working
Insulate building
Interactive meetings – less travel – use technology (tele-conferencing)
Peer pressure – say where we are
Lead by example
Ensure new build in-patient units are energy efficient
Promote car-sharing/green transport for staff
Wasted lights at night in retail/offices etc.
Turn down the central heating (turn off central heating one week earlier in Spring)
Car-sharing to meetings
LED park lighting
Solar water heating for offices
Invest in energy efficiency in police estate
Reduce CO2 for vehicle usage
Only use cars in local authorities on alternate days
County Council to use less paper and more electronic communications
All public buildings lights off at night - automatic timers to switch off whole floors of lights overnight
All BSP organisations to have a 'switch off' campaign
Promote energy efficiency for all our staff and residents in Bucks Times.
Write stories about who has done it
Electricity companies – more info on energy savings
No planning consent for solar panels (in conservation areas)
Capital cost of doing 'good deeds' environmentally
Conservation area controls on micro generation
Re-build accommodation when opportunities arise, rather than patch-up
Print two pages instead of one page per sheet
Turn heating down one degree
Pay incentives for reduced mileage
Give paper use targets
Triple glaze windows when due for replacement
Ease of access to recycling areas
Electronic payslips
Video conferencing – lead from the front
Combined meetings
Flexible working

What can other organisations do differently?

Not wind turbines
NHS - Turn the heating down
Highways Agency
Shutting local offices
Importing food
Public transport too expensive

Cycling too dangerous

Street lighting (street lights off on Wendover bypass, but Wendover station still has lights on full)

Not fully integrating public transport – e.g. bus and rail

Traffic measures which cause increased CO2

Ban incinerators?

Ban unused street lighting

Look again at policies on energy-efficient cars for fleet purposes.

What are health organisations doing re: climate change?

Government grant rules for assistance keep changing

Don't set up big meetings big distances away (supporting motor racing at mtgs!)

Too many glossies – mail shots which we are not interested in