



meeting **ENVIRONMENT STANDING SELECT COMMITTEE**

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

### CONSULTATION ON A REVISED UK CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME

#### Purpose of Report

1. To help develop a County Council response to the Government's consultation on a Revised UK Climate Change Programme.

#### Background

2. At the 29 November 2004 Environment Standing Select Committee meeting, Members considered a report on Climate Change, and proposals to develop a Nottinghamshire Community Climate Change Strategy.
3. Shortly afterwards, on 8 December 2004, Government published for consultation a review of the UK Climate Change Strategy. The Executive Summary from this document is attached as an Appendix. The document seeks views on 53 specific questions, which fall in the following categories:

#### Question

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| 1-10   | Current progress in delivering greenhouse gas emission targets, and new measures which might be taken   |
| 11-17  | The forthcoming EU Emissions Trading Scheme (which awards "allowances" to emit CO <sub>2</sub> to companies in certain sectors, makes provision for those which exceed these allowances to be fined, but also enables the allowances to be bought and sold) |
| 18- 22 | The role of the energy supply sector, including the promotion of renewable energy   |
| 23-27  | The contribution of the business sector   |
| 28-33  | Reducing emissions within the transport sector  |
| 34-39  | Reducing emissions from domestic households   |
| 40-44  | The role of agriculture, forestry and land use, including the possibility of storing carbon through increased forest planting   |

- 45-47      The role of the public sector including local government
- 48-51      Adaptation to climate change
- 52-53      Action by the Devolved Administrations

- 4      The closing date for responses is 2 March 2005. Given the County Council's engagement with climate change issues to date, it is considered appropriate that the Authority responds. To help construct a response, it is intended to provide a short presentation to Environment Select Committee on 10 January 2005 outlining the main points from the consultation document, and seeking Members views on the issues it raises. These comments will then be incorporated into a formal County Council response to the consultation, which will be considered by Cabinet on 2 March 2004.

### **Recommendations**

- 5      It is recommended that Environment Standing Select Committee note the contents of this report, and consider the issues raised in the presentation.

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Director of Environment

### **Background papers**

A copy of the full consultation document "Review of the UK Climate Change Strategy" (DEFRA, 8 December 2004) is available in the Local Government Library, County Hall or on the Defra website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/ukcccp%2Dreview>.