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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**REVIEW OF CARBON MANAGEMENT****Purpose of Report**

1. This report sets out a timetable for a review of carbon management within the Authority.

Introduction

2. During the discussions on sustainability policy at Select Committee's meeting on 31 October 2005, the Committee indicated it wished to see a "root and branch" review of carbon management practice within the Authority. This is a major piece of work, and this report sets out the proposed timescales.
3. The sustainability report on 31 October 2005 proposed the development of a comprehensive Carbon Management Plan. This would set out a programme for measuring and reducing carbon emissions from the County Council's activities, including the use of energy in buildings, transport, office waste and procurement activities. This proposal is due to be considered at County Council on 1 December 2005. It is anticipated that a comprehensive plan covering all these areas would not be ready for approval until June 2006.
4. It is proposed that the Select Committee's review of carbon management should be timed to inform the development of this plan. The target should be to review carbon management practice by April 2006, to enable the final Carbon Management Plan to be completed by June 2006.
5. In practice the review would best be done on a topic by topic basis. It is proposed to adopt the following timetable:

Carbon management issue	Target date
Energy management in buildings, new build & street lighting	30 January 2006
Transport (business travel and commuting) & office waste	13 March 2006
Procurement	24 April 2006

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the timetable set out in paragraph 5 above is approved.