

**Report of the Chief Executive to the Chair and Members
of the Policy & Resources Panel
30th June 2011**

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Presenting Officer: Dr Neville Cameron, Service Improvement Manager**

Status: For Information

Environmental Monitoring Update

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update of the business of the Environmental Monitoring Group held on 24 May 2011.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the contents of this report.

3 Reasons

- 3.1. At the Policy & Resources Panel on 28 April 2011, it was agreed a regular update would be provided of the business of the Environmental Monitoring Group. This Group met for the first time on 24 May 2011 and will continue to meet bi-monthly to discuss the Force and Authority's environmental performance.
- 3.2. This first meeting was chaired by the CPA Vice Chair with four Members also in attendance. The Force was represented by ACO (Finance & Commissioning) who also acts as Vice Chair of the Group.

- 3.3. Strategic Partners were also present. Steria were represented by the Head of Police Shared Business Service and the Estates Lead Business Partner whilst the Head of Facilities Management for the PFI Estate represented Reliance.
- 3.4. The purpose of the first meeting was initially to bring together all of the environmental elements from across the Force and to discuss progress in these areas from the second meeting onwards.
- 3.5. The Group's remit and terms of reference were discussed and carbon emissions both direct (e.g. fleet) and indirect (e.g. electricity, heat, waste business travel, sustainable procurement) were introduced.

Public Service Carbon Management Programme 2010-11

- 3.6. It was reported that the Force & Authority will participate in the Public Service Carbon Management Programme run by the Carbon Trust in 2011-12.
- 3.7. Historically, involvement in this programme has been seen to provide ongoing savings in both energy emissions and related costs.
- 3.8. The end result will be the creation of a Carbon Strategy to assist our organisations in addressing carbon related issues in the years ahead.

Strategic Partner Update - Steria

- 3.9. Steria provided an update of the carbon reduction initiatives currently in progress throughout the estate under their management. This included the introduction of voltage optimisers in District Headquarters to yield an approximate 8% reduction in energy levels and the installation of solar panels in select force buildings.
- 3.10. A summary of Steria's overall organisational environmental activity was also presented highlighting the business of their Central Environmental Team who address and implement green issues across their organisation.
- 3.11. Steria, as a whole, have gained ISO 14001 (International Environmental Standard) certification and are working alongside Cleveland Police to adapt and adopt their knowledge and skills base to the policing environment. These will be in the areas of:
 - Estates (Gas / Electricity / Water / Waste)
 - ICT (i.e. Computer/Printer Management)
 - Fleet Management (i.e. Fuel Usage & Vehicle Type)
 - Business Support (i.e. Business Travel & Type)
 - Procurement (i.e. Sustainable Procurement)

Strategic Partner Update - Reliance

- 3.12. The Head of Reliance Facilities Management (Cleveland PFI) informed the Group that from May 2010, there had been a reduction in electricity and gas within the PFI Buildings due to enforcing energy reduction techniques and "zoning" building areas to reduce energy waste.
- 3.13. Reliance's contract with Cleveland Police states that room temperatures can be adjusted 'plus or minus 2 degrees' around 21 degrees in winter and 20 degrees in summer. If any further improvements are to be made through energy reduction, this agreed level of adjustment may have to be altered in the contract by the Police Authority.
- 3.14. Other improvements to be introduced include the increase of recycling levels by 25% and the introduction of Energy Awareness Days to improve staff awareness of green issues.
- 3.15. Reliance informed the Group that their organisation can apply for an interest free loan from the Carbon Trust in order to further reduce energy across the four PFI buildings however an agreement would have to be made as to how the resulting cost savings would be distributed.

Next Meeting

- 3.16. The next meeting will take place on 26 July 2011 with an update provided at the next Policy & Resources Panel.

4. Implications

Sustainability

- 4.1 Care for the environment and the reduction of carbon emissions nationally will continue to be high on the priority list of any UK Government.
- 4.2 it is therefore essential for the Force and Authority to measure, improve and maintain any reduction in carbon emissions gained through the formation of the Environmental Monitoring Group.

Financial Implications

- 4.3 There are financial implications as a result of projected energy usage reporting through the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme however this has been built into estates revenue budgets for 2011-12.

Diversity and Equal Opportunities

- 4.4 There are no diversity and equal opportunities implications.

Risk Management

- 4.5 The main risk to the Authority is the inability for environmental performance to improve, as this could result in penalty costs for excess carbon usage in future years.

Human Rights

- 4.6 There are no human rights implications in this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Environmental Monitoring Group is key to enabling the delivery of reduced carbon emissions year on year for both Force and Authority. The scope of the Group business will ensure that holistic scrutiny is applied to the effects that the day to day business of Cleveland Police and its Authority have on the environment.

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