

Lancashire Environment Forum

Business Plan
2007 – 2010

Refresh October 2009

Business Plan Introduction

About this business plan

The purpose of this business plan is to help the Lancashire Environment Forum to identify, clarify and communicate:

- The structure and membership of this Forum
- The main projects and work commitments and how and when progress will be monitored
- The actions that this Forum will undertake

This plan is developed by the Forum and will be renewed annually. An electronic form will be updated regularly throughout the year to ensure that progress against plans or changes in priorities are recorded.

About the Environment Forum

Core Purpose/Our Vision

The Lancashire Environment Forum will seek to act as a unified voice for the Environment in Lancashire and beyond. Others will see it as a source of expertise and support on the environment.

Key activities

1. Work together on the proposals and priorities of local environmental issues and initiatives by making use of our networks & professional bodies to bring forward a range of views and ideas.
2. Provide direction and steer implementation of Lancashire 'environment' strategies
3. Complete an agreed programme of work as set out in the following five areas:
 - Climate Change
 - Water Framework Directive
 - Local Area Agreements
 - Raising the profile of the environment
 - Response to issues, strategies and consultations
4. Seek to resolve potential policy conflicts.
5. Regularly log progress and review and manage performance to add value to the work it does.
6. Act as a sounding board to allow partners to gauge opinion and develop policies/strategies.
7. Support the work of the Regional Liaison Panel for the Water Framework Directive in devising and implementing the North West River Basin Management Plan.
8. Prepare reports on the local environment.

Lancashire Local Area Agreement

The Lancashire Environment Forum is one of a number of themed partnerships formerly identified (at Board level) within the Lancashire Partnership structure to support and coordinate the achievement of the ambitions and visions set out in Ambition Lancashire and to monitor targets within the Local Area Agreement. The Partnership structure is outlined at Appendix One.

In order to achieve some consistency in relation to the responsibilities of the theme groups for the delivery of Ambition Lancashire and the LAA, the Lancashire Environment Forum has signed up to some common terms of reference:

- The Lancashire Environment Forum will be part of the Lancashire Partnership and will support the Partnership Vision as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy, “Ambition Lancashire.”
- The Lancashire Environment Forum will identify relevant long term direction of travel measures and targets to be included in the relevant chapters of Ambition Lancashire. It will contribute to the achievement of Ambition Lancashire outcomes and to any future review of the Strategy.
- The Chair, or other representative as agreed by the group, will be a member of the Lancashire Partnership Board to represent the interests of the theme and to work with other Board members across the Partnership to achieve better outcomes for the residents of Lancashire.
- The Lancashire Environment Forum will monitor targets within the Local Area Agreement that have been agreed with the group’s member organisations and will provide reports to the Lancashire Partnership Executive and Performance Group as required.
- The Lancashire Environment Forum will be responsible for managing performance in relation to the agreed LAA targets, with member organisations taking appropriate action in consultation and partnership with each other.

Plans

The main plans that influence our Forum are:

- Ambition Lancashire
- Lancashire Local Area Agreement 2008-11

Additionally there are a number of international, national, regional and local policies and programmes that influence our service:

International

- [Kyoto Protocol](#)
- [EU Directive 2001/42/EC “The assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment” \(Strategic Environmental Assessment\)](#)

National

- [Local Government White Paper](#)
- [UK Sustainable Development Strategy ‘Securing the Future’](#)
- [The UK Climate Change Programme 2006](#)

(National carbon dioxide reduction target to reduce CO₂ by 30% below 1990 levels by 2010)

- [Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006](#)
- [DTI National Energy Review](#)
- [DTI Micro generation Strategy](#)
- [The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#)

Regional and Local

- [Regional Spatial Strategy](#)
- [Ambition Lancashire](#)
- [Lancashire Local Area Agreement](#)
- [NW Sustainable Energy Strategy](#)
- [‘Rising to the Challenge’ – A Climate Change Action Plan for England’s Northwest](#)
- [Lancashire Environment Strategy](#)

- [Lancashire County Council Environmental Management Strategy](#)
- Local community opinion and expectations
- Increasing concern about environmental issues

Who we are

The following organisations are represented on the Environment Forum:

Needs updating

Customers and Stakeholders

- **Local Strategic Partnerships** by providing information and advice and joining up strategies.
- **Partner agencies.** By working actively with partners in shaping policy and joining up strategies for maximum impact.
- **Members of the public generally.** The aim is that everyone in Lancashire benefits
- **Government departments.** Both to develop working on specific initiatives and to feed through new policy

WORK PROGRAMME

Priorities for 2009 - 2010

Major projects and work commitments for 2009-10: these are the things that we will measure our performance against for the current year.

Activity	Expected Outcome	Key tasks	Monitoring & Review
To work in partnership to encourage closer collaboration on environmental sustainability at the local level between major agencies and stakeholders	Successful alignment of the Environment Forum with the Lancashire Partnership Achieving better outputs from partnership work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify relevant long term direction of travel measures and targets to be. It will contribute to the achievement of Ambition Lancashire outcomes and to a future review of the Environment Strategy.• The Lancashire Environment Forum will be responsible for managing performance in relation to the agreed LAA targets, with member organisations taking appropriate action in consultation and partnership with each other.	

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To progress the new LAA within the Lancashire Partnership structure.	The achievement of Ambition Lancashire outcomes & delivery of LAA environment targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term direction of travel measures and targets identified Monitor environment targets within the Local Area Agreement provide reports to the Lancashire Partnership Executive and Performance Group as required 	
Influence development of strategic, policy, projects and drivers	Influence the development of key developments in Lancashire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to bring issues to Forum as they arise 	

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Lancashire Environment Strategy	Alignment of Lancashire Environment Strategy with Ambition Lancashire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Lancashire Environment 'Vision', based on Ambition Lancashire, LAA priorities, and chosen indicators 	
To raise awareness and to engage with local communities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite a schools representative to join the Forum • Invite a representatives from a major shopping chain to join the Forum 	

Summary of LAA Environment Indicators & Targets

	BASELINE	County Targets		
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 186 - Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area	6.9 tonnes per capita (2005)	6.96% reduction in per capita emissions from 2005 baseline	9.75% reduction in per capita emissions from 2005 baseline	12.5% reduction in per capita emissions from 2005 baseline
NI 187 -Tackling Fuel Poverty - % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	SAP<35 - 6.08% SAP>65 – 34.58% (2008)	Baseline established	5.83% of sample respondents in receipt of benefit with SAP<35 & 35.58% with SAP>65	5.58% of sample respondents in receipt of benefit with SAP<35 & 36.58% with SAP>65
NI 188 - Adapting to climate change	Level 0 (2008)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
NI 192 - Household waste recycled and composted	41.25% (2007/08)	42.25%	43.25%	44.25%
NI 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting)	Litter - 11%, Detritus - 21%, Graffiti - 4%, Fly-posting - 1% (2006/07)	Litter – 11% Detritus – 19% Graffiti – 4% Fly-posting – 1%	Litter – 10% Detritus – 18% Graffiti – 4% Fly-posting – 1%	Litter – 9% Detritus – 16% Graffiti – 4% Fly-posting – 1%
NI 197 - Improved local biodiversity – active management of local sites.	15% of sites (177 sites) (2008)	18% of sites (212 sites)	21% of sites (247 sites)	24% of sites (283 sites)

Organisational diagram – how we work with in Lancashire partnerships

**LANCASHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
(Anne Selby)**
Direction, Authorisation, Approval, Ownership

**LANCASHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE
(John Collins)**
Management & executive action on behalf of Partnership - makes recommendations to Board

PERFORMANCE GROUP
Cross partnership performance monitoring and management of Ambition Lancashire and the LAA

DISTRICT LSPS

**LCC ENVIRONMENT
THEME LEAD
(Debbie King)**

**LANCASHIRE
ENVIRONMENT
FORUM**

LAA Environment Targets

LANCASHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP
NI 186 & NI 188
Target Lead: Andrew Mullaney

LANCASHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP
NI 192
Target Lead: Sue Procter

LANCASHIRE BV199 GROUP
NI 195
Target Lead: Adrian Phillips

LANCASHIRE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP
NI197
Target Lead: Tim Mitcham

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GROUP
NI187
Target Lead: Mark Broadhurst