

Derbyshire County Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report July 2011

Information about Derbyshire County Council

Derbyshire County Council is an upper tier local authority with headquarters based at County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG.

The Council provides essential public services across Derbyshire, a county with a population of over 760,000. These include education and schools, support for children and families, adult care, highways and transport, libraries and culture, trading standards, countryside management, community safety and waste and minerals planning.

Climate Change

Local authority operations will be affected by climate change, with wider implications for the Derbyshire communities who rely on our services. Derbyshire County Council is committed to reducing carbon emissions and adapting services to reduce the impact of climate change on our ability to deliver key services to people across Derbyshire.

Reducing carbon emissions to mitigate the effect of climate change is a priority for the council. Current schemes include improvements to street lighting, introducing Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) across corporate properties and schools, reducing fleet and business mileage and working with schools to reduce their energy consumption. The Corporate Environmental Sustainability Group, made up of officers from all service areas, co-ordinates activities undertaken by the council to reduce carbon emissions.

The council has also undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment to ascertain the impact of changes in climate and weather on service delivery. A Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan is being developed to ensure that changes are put in place to lessen the risks, e.g. developing the Derbyshire Strategic Flood Board to reduce threat of flooding.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Our carbon emissions for the financial year 2010-11 arising from the use of energy in our buildings (including schools) and street lighting, as declared in our first annual report required under the Government's new Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme, amount to 72,622 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

