

**TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE IN SUNDERLAND (REPORT 2)**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP1: Prosperous City; SP5: Attractive and Inclusive City**

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO3: Efficient and Effective Council; CIO4: Improving Partnership Working to Deliver 'One City'.**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 This report updates the committee on the Council's work on climate change.

1.2 This report is the second of three reports, which will inform the committee

- How the Council is managing its own carbon emissions (report received on 20 October 2009)
- How the Council is managing the city's carbon emissions (this report)
- How the Council is managing weather impacts of climate change (report due on 24 April 2010)

**2 Climate Change Action Plan progress report**

2.1 Sunderland has also made several public commitments to tackling climate change, as follows :

- The Nottingham Declaration (signed November 2001)
- The EUROCITIES Declaration in Climate Change (signed November 2008)
- The EU Covenant of Mayors (signed January 2009).

2.2 To meet these commitments, the Council adopted the Climate Change Action Plan in November 2008, as the framework through which Sunderland will work to reduce the city's carbon emissions.

2.3 To summarise progress made since the Action Plan was developed, a progress report was presented and considered by Cabinet on 13 January 2010.

2.4 This report refers the committee to the above cabinet report, which contains details of progress towards Sunderland's carbon reduction targets, and how these targets have been revised in line with new UK targets, and those arising from the EU Covenant of Mayors initiative.

**3 Recommendations**

3.1 That the committee note the progress on managing the city's carbon emissions.