

Green Enterprise Working Group

Carbon Commission - Summary

In the current economic climate, with large cuts to local government budgets, many authorities are reducing their focus on the green agenda, believing this is now a luxury they cannot afford. In Haringey, we have made a real commitment to tackle climate change – and to tackle it locally – by becoming the first major authority to sign up to a pledge to reduce carbon emissions in our borough by 40% by 2020.

Haringey's Carbon Commission, in partnership with **nef** (new economics foundation), brings together experts drawn from across the business, government and research communities to explore how this ambitious target of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions can be practically achieved in the timeframe while taking an approach that puts reducing inequality at the heart of our low carbon transition. A range of evidence to support this work has been developed with the support of funding from the Department of Energy & Climate Change, Local Carbon Framework Pilot. The resulting recommendations developed by the Carbon Commission will be considered by the Council and Haringey 40:20 Steering Group in Spring 2012.

Scope and timescale

Five working groups will support the work of the Carbon Commission. These will explore:

- Low Carbon Investment
- Community Involvement
- Sustainable Transport
- Green Enterprise
- Integrated delivery – sustainable regeneration of Tottenham

Each working group will meet twice, review materials and feed in recommendations to the Commission. Each group will include a Carbon Commission member, and be supported by a Council officer.

A summary of discussions from the working group as well as evidence received from learning partners from other areas in the UK and Europe and local stakeholders will be provided to the Carbon Commission in November. The Carbon Commission will make its final recommendations to the Council and Haringey 40:20 steering group (comprising of local stakeholders) in February.

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Haringey's 40:20 Action: Plan will need to include actions around a high level objective of moving to a low carbon economy. In the transition to a low carbon economy the Carbon Commission will need to consider approaches, models and programmes that will stimulate growth, develop new skills, and be innovative and ground breaking.

Similar to the Green Enterprise District in East London Haringey wants to:

- build a vibrant local economy with a clear focus on green enterprise and
- develop a sustainable environment where people want to live, work and visit.

The group will need to recommend actions/programmes that can promote and deliver green businesses, green skills and green jobs.

The working group will be asked to consider:

- what role/s the Council should play in driving the transition to a low carbon economy with clear focus on green enterprise; should it enable, procure, deliver
- how can the development of green enterprises and job creation be low carbon investment plans
- what skills are needed for this transition; can we anticipate these and map them including high and low level skills from environmental consultancy, energy management, land remediation, waste management, to energy assessments, and retro-fitting
- how should these be developed and what levels of investment will this require
- what enterprises should be developed and supported;
- what support will SMEs need in this transition
- how can we attract green businesses to Haringey and the sub-region;
- what are the key employment sectors that we need to develop and how can we stimulate growth in green enterprises leading to local job creation.

The group will also need to consider sub-regional/regional approaches;

- what is the potential for developing green enterprises throughout the Upper Lee Valley, across North London and across London as a major city.

They will be asked to consider these questions within the context of the Council's key challenges and strategic objectives to reduce inequality and promote economic prosperity.

Contact details

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Range of Evidence Available

See the Document Library at www.Haringey4020.org.uk/useful-information to download full reports

Green Enterprise – Key Documents		
Report title and description		Commissioning organisation/author, date
<i>People, Places, Prosperity</i> Haringey Regeneration Strategy	Council policy	Haringey Council, 2008
<i>Initial Work and Skills Plan</i> Haringey's Work and Skills Plan	Council policy	Haringey Council, 2010
<i>Unlocking Green Enterprise</i> <i>A Low carbon Strategy for the UK</i>		TUC, 2009
<i>Haringey's Solar PV Investment Programme 2011/2012</i>	Council policy	Haringey Council, 2011
<i>Green Enterprise District East London</i>		LDA, 2010
<i>An Economic Future for the Upper Lea Valley Report</i>	Policy report	North London Strategic Alliance, 2010
<i>Upper Lea Valley Low Carbon Opportunities Report</i>	Policy report	GVA, 2011
<i>Barriers to Small Businesses Going Green Report</i>	Policy report	Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, 2010.

Key Stakeholders

A number of key stakeholders are identified and their views will be represented at the working group through submission of a summary of consultation responses received and/or direct representation at the working group.

- North London Strategic Alliance
- North London Business
- North London Chamber of Commerce
- Haringey Business Board
- Traders Associations/Town Centre groups – Tottenham Traders Partnership, Crouch End Project, Muswell Hill Traders, Haringay Traders, Wood Green Business Forum
- Enfield Enterprise
- Dept for Business Innovation & Skills – London & East Office
- DWP JCP London North District
- College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CHENEL)
- Middlesex University
- Local skills providers and training organisations