

# WIRRAL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

## VISION

*“ Working with residents, communities and local businesses to tackle Climate Change by reducing Wirral’s carbon emissions, thereby helping to meet our present needs in a sustainable manner without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs “*

## PURPOSE OF STRATEGY

To achieve a 20% reduction in Wirral Council’s carbon emissions by 2010, starting with year on year reductions in emissions from council activities, and working with residents, communities and local businesses to achieve their own reductions.

## THEMES

We have based our Climate Change strategy around four themes :

### **Awareness, Energy, Transport and Adaptation**

Our Aims and proposed Actions link to and support the Nottingham Declaration, the Northwest Climate Change Charter, North West Climate Change Action Plan, and other council strategies where they intersect with Climate Change and Sustainability

## AIMS

### **AWARENESS**

To ensure that council staff and Councillors are aware of their role in tackling climate change, and working with them to make every Wirral household, business and individual aware of their impact on climate change, and to lead and inspire them on what they can do to reduce that impact

### **ENERGY**

To decrease Borough’s dependency on fossil fuels by improving it’s energy efficiency, reducing it’s energy needs and by using alternative, renewable energy sources where feasible

### **ADAPTATION**

To identify and assess the impact of climate change for Wirral thus enabling us to adapt to this impact through effective coastal protection, sustainable development and land use, efficient and sustainable waste disposal and utilities infrastructure

### **TRANSPORT**

To increase use of sustainable modes of travel by council staff & public, local businesses and visitors to Wirral