

**WEST MIDLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

**Report to Climate Change Panel**

**January 2009**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This is the second progress report by the Climate Change Office to update the Climate Change Panel on the work that has been undertaken to deliver the Climate Change Action Plan. The report covers the six months from July 2008 to January 2009 and it is intended that it will be forwarded to the Regional Minister after consideration by the Panel.

**2. Delivery of the Action Plan**

- 2.2 Since the July 2008 Panel meeting, the Office has met on four occasions to discuss and challenge on progress of the 30 Actions contained within the Action Plan.
- 2.3 A detailed summary of progress against the action plan is contained at Annex A.
- 2.4 Actions have been allocated among the five key partners and a full list indicating the lead organisation for each action is attached at Annex B.

**3. Key Points on Delivery**

- 3.1 Specific progress has been made on the following actions within the Action Plan: -

P1 – Revisions to regional strategies, providing robust frameworks.

A study is being undertaken to predict the Region's carbon dioxide emissions from housing and transport up to 2026. Consultants employed have now produced the report in to Regional Carbon Trajectories and it will be published early in 2009.

## P2 – Improve the quality of the built environment

The Carbon Opportunities Assessments are underway for 13 AWM flagship/key area based land and property projects. 3 other projects were found to have already addressed carbon management issues during project development. The Assessments project will report in March 2009.

## P7 / TM3 – Identify likely adaptation requirements, & regionally-appropriate performance indicators

Utilising the Regional Climate Change Programme funding from DEFRA, a project has been developed to scope the regions' vulnerability to climate change and need for adaptation. The resulting study will be used to inform regional adaptation policy development, and will be reviewed against the UKCiP data set once it is released in 2009.

## E1 – Addressing climate change impacts and emission reductions in revisions to Regional economic policy

AWM have established annual carbon reduction targets from the investment for the current Corporate Plan period 2008-11. This contributes to the delivery of the WMES objectives. Reduction targets include the target for 2010 and projected target to 2020 as required by the 2007 Energy White Paper. The targets are due to be published in January 09.

## E2 – Support Regional Businesses improve resource efficiency and realise opportunities

The WMES evidence base has identified key sectors at risk from climate impacts. This has informed the development of a low carbon business support programme for delivery anticipated from March 2009.

Further progress has also been made on identifying low carbon economic and climate impact opportunities for regional businesses and skills needs.

## TM1 – Review existing regional targets

The Regional Observatory have been commissioned to deliver a report reviewing existing carbon reductions targets and identifying the carbon "gap". The report is expected in early 2009.