

The West Midlands Declaration on Climate Change

We acknowledge that

- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will continue to have far reaching effects on the UK's people and places, economy, society and environment.

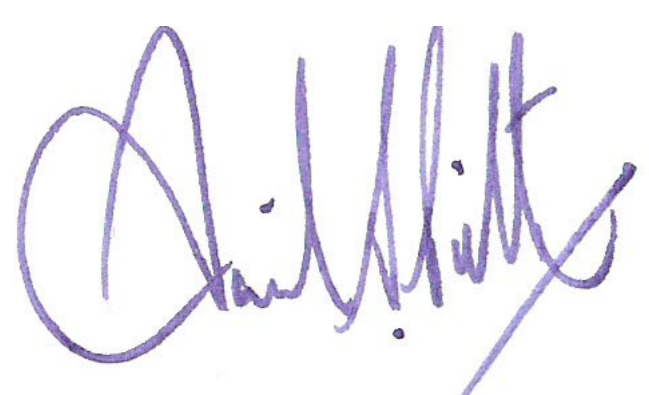
We welcome the

- Social, economic and environmental benefits which come from combating climate change.
- Emissions targets agreed by central government and the programme for delivering change, as set out in the UK Climate Change Programme.
- Opportunity for the West Midlands Regional Assembly to lead the response at a regional level, encouraging and helping sub-regional and local partner organisations - to reduce their energy costs, to reduce congestion, to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to improve the local environment and to deal with fuel poverty in our communities.
- Endorsement of this declaration by central government.

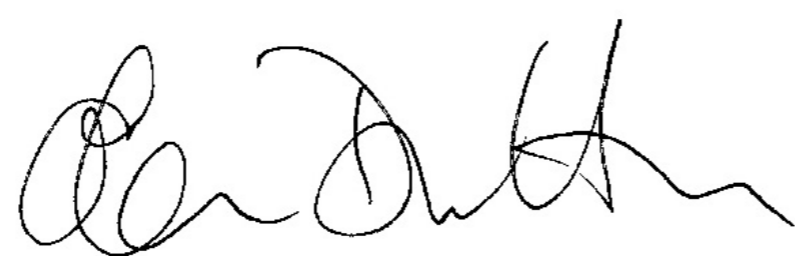
We commit the West Midlands Regional Assembly from this date 30th November 2006 to

- Work with central government to contribute, at a regional level, to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the target for carbon dioxide reduction by 2010.
- Participate in regional and sub-regional networks for support.
- Within the next year develop a plan of action with our regional Concordat partners to progressively address the causes and the impacts of climate change within the West Midlands.
- Commit to achieve a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from within our own organisations operations, including energy sourcing and use, travel and transport, waste production and disposal and the purchasing of goods and services.
- Encourage all regional Concordat partners to take the opportunity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- Monitor the progress of our plans against the actions needed and publish the results.

The West Midlands Regional Assembly acknowledges the increasing impact that climate change will have on the West Midlands during the 21st century and commits to tackling the causes and effects of a changing climate on our region.



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