

parks would be met. Recycling was ahead of its targets. Accessibility targets with respect to bus services were more specifically an issue for the County Council with the District Council having a supporting role.

It was explained that with respect to travel plans, this would be part of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

The Head of Environmental Health agreed that he would investigate whether the Council continued to subsidise the Rugeley-Hednesford rail service.

The proposed reduction in CO₂ emissions of all LAA partners' activities of 60% by 2050 would be a challenging target. Information was being collated on emissions produced at all of the Council's sites and this would be completed by September 2007. A 'carbon base line' would be established and ways to decrease emissions investigated. Energy efficiency of buildings, employees working from home, in-house travel plans, together with other policies would be explored as ways to meet the targets.

The Select Committee considered that the electrification of the local rail line would assist to create a cleaner air environment. Concern was raised with respect to the policies that may be implemented to reduce CO₂ emissions and how they would be funded. It was explained that each case would be looked at individually.

The Head of Environmental Health informed the Select Committee that he would submit a further report to them outlining the specific proposals the Council could implement to reduce CO₂ emissions.

RESOLVED:

That a further report be submitted by the Head of Environmental Health on Climate Change – Staffordshire Declaration – outlining specific proposals.

7. Work Programme of the Environment Select Committee

Consideration was given to items to be included in the Work Programme of the Select Committee. (Enclosure 5.1 - 5.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council)

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme be agreed subject to the following amendments:-

- (A) That the Select Committee view a DVD explaining Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) at a meeting in 2007 prior to them considering DPE in January 2008.
- (B) That a report be received on Christmas Lighting in early 2008.

CHAIRMAN