

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2010

**Recommendations from Community and Regeneration Scrutiny
Committee, Thursday 4th November 2010**

Sustainability Policy

The Committee considered a report from the Principal Health and Sustainability Officer, which outlined to Members the Sustainability Policy. This policy had been formulated as it was a required action within the Wyre Forest Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2010/11.

Sustainability can be defined as "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainable development aims to tackle environmental, social and economic issues in an integrated way.

In practice, sustainability covers various topics, such as climate change, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, Fairtrade and biodiversity.

Adopting a Sustainability Policy further demonstrates the Council's commitment to leading by example in tackling these issues. It would provide a useful tool when encouraging our residents, partners and suppliers to become more sustainable, for example through our partnership working and procurement processes. In addition, grants funds often ask applicants to provide details of their Sustainability Policy.

Whilst the Council already has various commitments in place to tackle these issues, it does not have a single overarching Sustainability Policy. This policy aims to address this gap. It incorporates actions from pre-existing commitments, rather than creating additional work.

Recommended to Cabinet: To approve the Sustainability Policy.