

Good Practice from Durham - A Councillor Perspective

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Local Government Act 1972

I Hereby Give You Notice that an Ordinary Meeting of the Durham Council will be held in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Durham Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 10.00 a.m. to transact the following

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January (Pages 7 - 14)
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members
3. Chairman's Announcements
4. Leader's Report
5. Questions from Area and Election Partners
6. Questions from the Public
7. Petitions
8. Report from the Cabinet (Pages 15 - 40)

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EMERGENCY

- a) Amendment from the Durham County Council Group (Pages 269 - 270)
- b) Amendment from the Liberal Democrat Group - 272)
- c) Amendment from the Conservative Group (Page 274)

11. Council Tax Setting in Order to Meet the County Council's Council Tax Requirement for 2019/20 - Report of Cabinet (Pages 275 - 298)
12. Appointment of Chairman - Area Planning Committee (Central and East)
13. Motions on Notice

Councillor S Dunn to Move

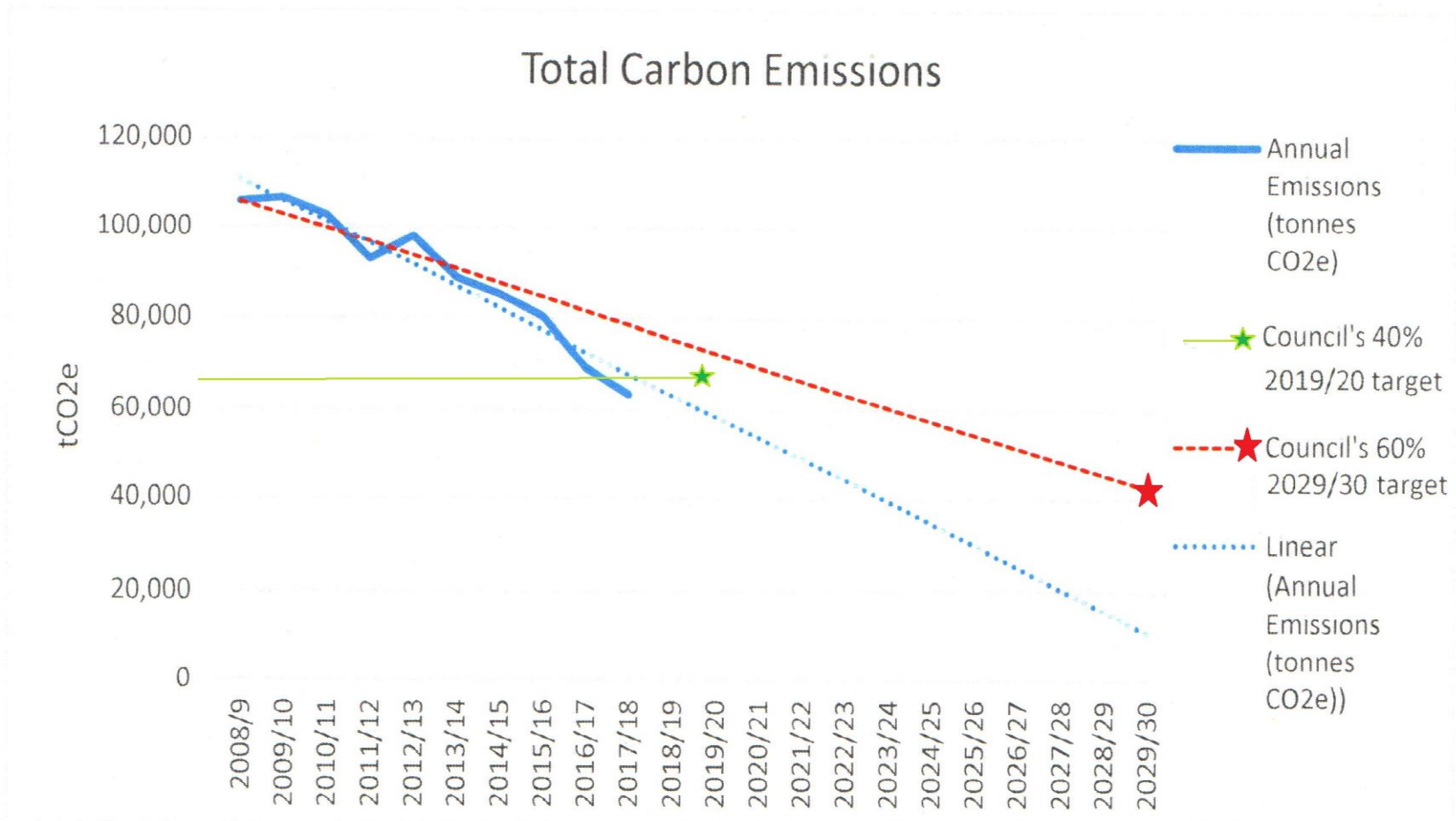
Full Council agrees to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Immediately adopt a new Durham County Council target of 60% by 2030 making significant progress towards making Durham County Council and County Durham carbon neutral taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
3. Immediately make what further action is necessary to make County Durham Carbon Neutral by 2050 and pledge to make the 2030 and 2050 targets possible;
4. Request the Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 and 2050 targets possible;
5. Work with other agencies and bodies (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement the most practical methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;
6. Continue to work with other agencies and bodies to explore opportunities for reducing carbon emissions in County Durham and ensuring we have the infrastructure for our communities to deliver on these new targets through all relevant strategies and plans;
7. Report to Full Council within six months with the actions the Council will need to take to achieve the new 2030 target and supply an initial report on what actions would be required to achieve a carbon neutral County Durham by 2050.

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Exceeding the Plan



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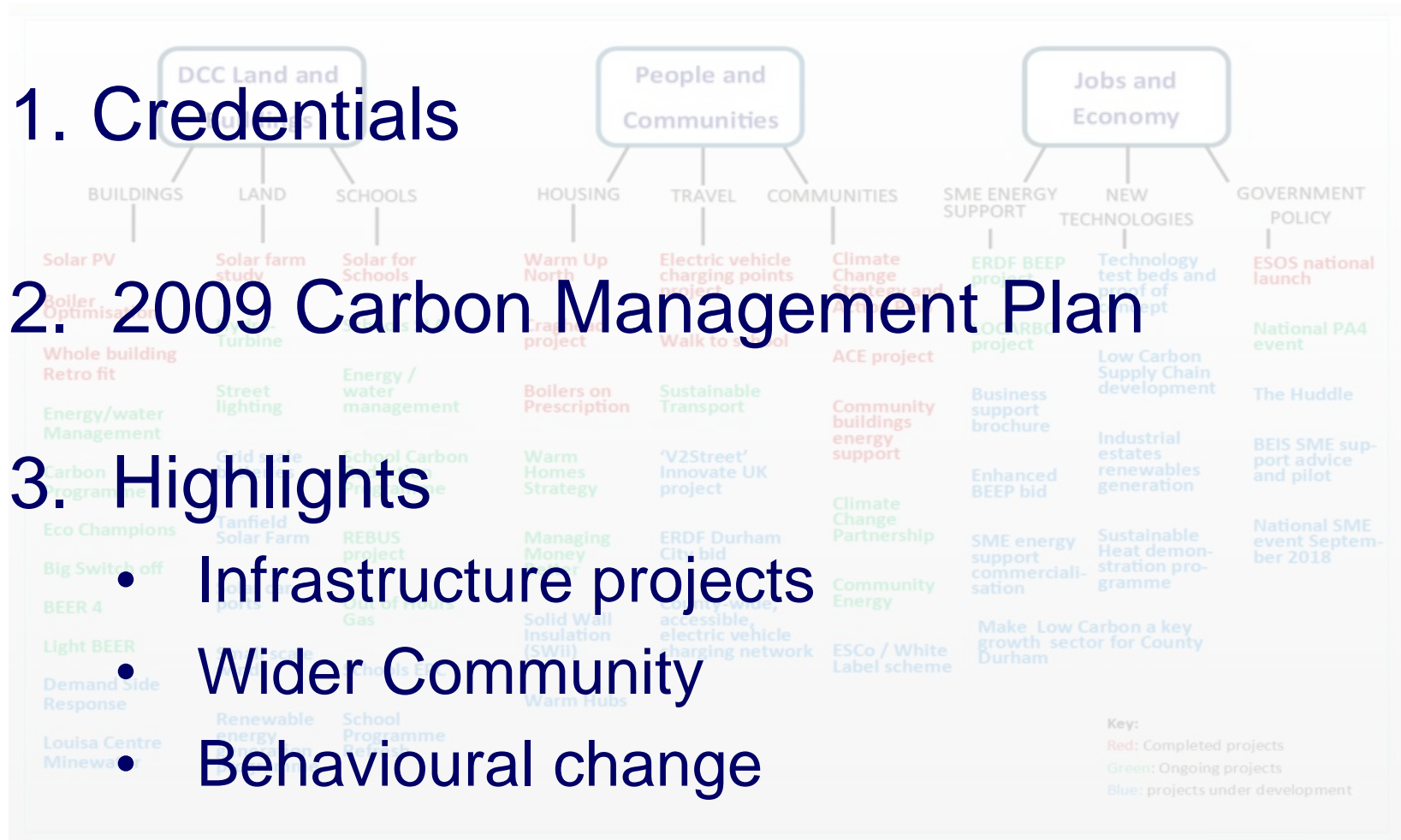
Low Carbon Team Achievements

1. Credentials

2. 2009 Carbon Management Plan

3. Highlights

- Infrastructure projects
- Wider Community
- Behavioural change



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Infrastructure Projects

- Building Energy Efficiency Retrofit (BEER)
- Street Lighting LED Retrofit (SLERP)
- Solar PV (SPA)
- Schools Carbon Reduction Programme (Eco2 Smart Schools)
- Durham Crematorium
- Pool covers

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Wider Community

- Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP)
- Warm Homes Strategy
 - Craghead and South Moor Solid Wall Insulation Scheme
- Freeman's Reach hydroelectricity plant

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Behavioural Change

- Eco Champions
- Big Switch Off
- Energy and water analysis
- OASES



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From Motion to Action

1. Expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro
2. Start with a realistic appraisal of:
 - Strengths/Weaknesses Spectrum
 - Threats & Problems
 - Opportunities/Risks Spectrum

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Strengths/Weaknesses Spectrum

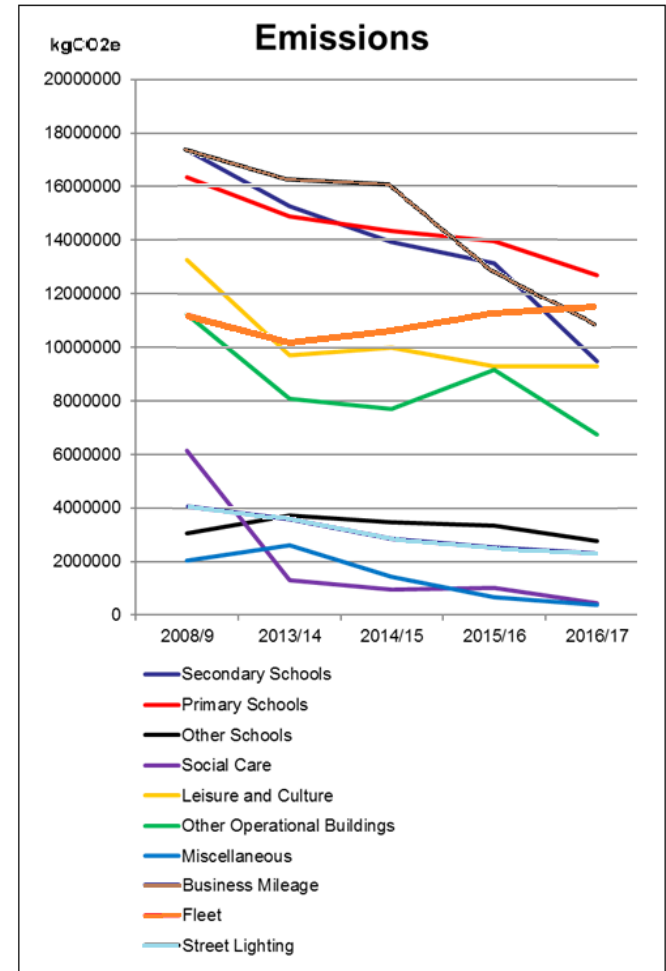
- Corporate & Political Buy-In
- Top-class Team with Proven Record
- Incipient Action Plan
- Good Partnership links
- Low Carbon Policy needs a refresh

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Threats & problems - DCC

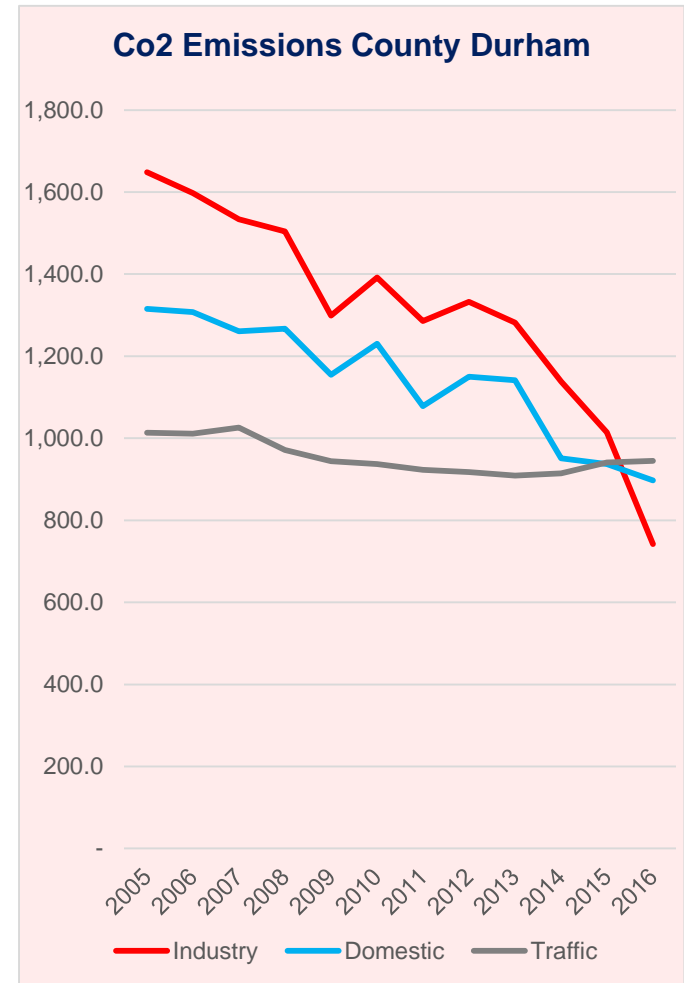
- 60k tCO₂e left
- Name?
- Funding / Brexit
- High-hanging fruit
- Academisation / asset transfer
- Improved carbon grid
- Grid connection
- Offset or Inset?



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Threats & problems – Co. Durham

- 2.5 million tonnes CO2
- No direct control – persuasion
- No enforcement powers
- Funding
- Exemplars → routine
- No planning powers
- Retrofit domestic & industrial
- Infrastructure
- Traffic
- Farming
- Silesia imperative



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Opportunities/Risks Spectrum

- Financial
- Commercialisation
- In the pipeline:
 - Tanfield Solar Farm
 - Minewater Heat
 - Zero-Carbon fleet
 - District Heating

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Into the Provisional...

1. Revamp Carbon Management Strategy/Action Plan
2. Involve stakeholders and grow 'Strategic Low Carbon Partnership'
3. System clarification & integration
4. Prioritise Action Plan/ identify funding
5. Cabinet approval (September)
6. Take the boat round to Nairobi & ask?

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