

# The Leicestershire Together Declaration on Climate Change

## We acknowledge that

- Climate change is happening because of our own actions; which will continue to have far reaching effects on our society, culture, economy, and environment;
- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring in Leicestershire, and we need to take actions at both local and global levels to reverse its effects; and
- Everyone needs to play their part in tackling climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which are a prime contributor to climate change.

## We support the

- Emission targets agreed by Central Government and the programme for delivering behavioural / attitudinal change, as set out in the UK Climate Change Programme;
- Behavioural / attitudinal change programme by different sectors as a combined approach to combat the global threats of climate change;
- Endeavours of Leicestershire Together to tackle climate change at the local level by working with local strategic partnerships, local organisations and residents to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases;
- Use of additional powers under the Local Government Act 2000 that will allow the wellbeing of our communities to be addressed in a sustainable way; and
- Opportunity for all tiers of local government and local strategic partners to lead the response at a local level, encouraging and helping local residents, local businesses and other 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.

## We commit ourselves from (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to

- Mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change at the local level by signing the Leicestershire Together Declaration to contribute to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme.
- Achieve UK Climate Change Programme targets, as a minimum, for carbon dioxide emissions reduction by 2020 and 2050 to express our commitment to the Kyoto Protocol;
- Work in partnership to develop and implement a climate change action plan within the next year to achieve the above mentioned targets;
- Network and encourage all sectors in our community to take the opportunity to take actions to reduce their impact on our environment and adapt to the impacts of climate change;
- Become environment conscious in our day-to-day living to make sustainable choices in energy sourcing and use, travel and transport, procurement of goods and services, water management, and waste production and disposal; and
- Monitor our progress against actions needed and publish the results.

(Name of the organisation)

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acknowledges the increasing impact that climate change will have on our community and worldwide and commits to tackling the causes and effects of our changing climate.

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