

Sustainable Development Advisory Group

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council



Environmental Management System

1. Overview of the issue

Environmental Management is an ongoing activity within RMBC with a current priority of legal compliance and CO₂ reductions.

2. Summary of key events in the period – up to 3 September 2010:

Photovoltaic Panels

Two projects underway:

1. Lease old landfill sites to put arrays of PV panels.
2. PV panels on ~60 schools.

A number of actions required:

- Checking legal/deeds restrictions or requirements
- Checking planning requirements
- Authorisation from Governors/Headteacher.
- Authorisation from Assistant Director of Legal.
- Sanctioned by SLT/Cabinet

A process of competitive tendering will be implemented.

Carbon Reduction Commitment – Energy Efficiency Scheme

Continued work in preparation for purchasing allowances April 2011 and reporting emissions.

Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice

No comments from initial consultation presented back to Procurement Panel 11 October 2010.

EMAS Verification Audit

ISOQAR will be carrying out an EMAS Annual Statement verification audit w/c 6 September 2010. Annual Statement now being prepared to performance manage RMBC Environmental Policy.

NI 185/194

Awaiting direction from DECC to date and format for reporting. Continuing with reduction target and activities.

3. Key issues for Rotherham / how this fits in with Corporate priorities

Legal compliance with EPBD; CRC; maintaining EMAS Registration and going beyond the 2% reduction target.

4. Next Steps or action required.

Taking forward all current projects reported on above.

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