

Hampshire County Council - Aalborg Commitments 2008/09 Review Results - February 2009

The 10 Aalborg Commitments prioritised for improvement from 2009/10

Scoring Criteria

- 4** Comprehensive evidence that Commitment is being achieved
- 3** Strong evidence of progress towards achieving the Commitment.
- 2** Some evidence of progress towards achieving the Commitment.
- 1** Limited evidence of progress towards achieving the Commitment
- 0** No evidence at all of any progress towards achieving the Commitment.

**05/06
Baseline 08/09
Review**

1. GOVERNANCE

We are committed to energising our decision-making processes through increased participatory democracy

1. Further develop a commonly shared long-term vision for a sustainable county	2	3
2. Build participation and sustainable development capacity in the local community and municipal administration	2	2
3. Invite all sectors of local society to participate effectively in decision-making	2	2
4. Make our decisions open, accountable and transparent	2	2
5. Cooperate effectively and in partnership with adjoining municipalities, other cities and towns, and other spheres of government	3	3
Theme Score	2.2	2.4

2. Local Management towards Sustainability

We are committed to implementing effective management cycles, from formulation through implementation to evaluation

1. Strengthen local sustainability processes and mainstream them into the heart of local government.	2	3
2. Deliver integrated management towards sustainability based on the precautionary principle	1	1
3. Set targets and time schemes in the framework of the Aalborg Commitments and create and follow the Aalborg Commitments monitoring review	2	3
4. Ensure that sustainability issues are central to decision-making processes and that resource allocation is based on strong and broad sustainability criteria	1	2
5. Cooperate with the Aalborg Signatories and its networks to monitor and evaluate our progress towards meeting our sustainability targets	2	2
Theme Score	1.6	2.2

3. Natural Common Goods

We are committed to fully assuming our responsibility to protect, to preserve, and to ensure equitable access to natural common goods.

1. Reduce primary energy consumption, and increase the share of renewable energies	2	2
2. Improve water quality, save water, and use water more efficiently	2	2
3. Promote and increase biodiversity, and extend and care for designated nature areas and green spaces	3	3
4. Improve soil quality, preserve ecologically productive land and promote sustainable agriculture and forestry	2	2
5. Improve air quality	1	1
Theme Score	2	2

4. Responsible Consumption and Lifestyle Choices

We are committed to adopting and facilitating the prudent and efficient use of resources and to encouraging sustainable consumption and production

1. Avoid and reduce waste, and increase re-use and recycling	3	4
2. Manage and treat waste in accordance with the best practice standards	3	3
3. Avoid unnecessary energy consumption, and improve end-use energy efficiency	2	2
4. Undertake sustainable procurement	2	2
5. Actively promote sustainable production and consumption, in particular of eco-labelled, organic, ethical and fair trade products	1	1
Theme Score	2.2	2.4

5. Planning and Design

We are committed to a strategic role of urban planning and design in addressing environmental, social, economic, health and cultural issues for the benefit of all

1. Re-use and regenerate derelict or disadvantaged areas	2	2
2. Avoid urban sprawl by achieving appropriate urban densities and prioritising Brownfield site over Greenfield site development	3	3
3. Ensure the mixed use of buildings and developments with a good balance of jobs, housing and services, giving priority to residential use in city centres	2	2
4. Ensure appropriate conservation, renovation and use/re-use of our urban cultural heritage	3	3

5. Apply requirements for sustainable design and construction and promote high quality architecture and building technologies	2	2
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Theme Score 2.4 2.4

6. Better Mobility, Less Traffic

We recognise the interdependence of transport, health and environment and are committed to strongly promoting sustainable mobility choices

1. Reduce the necessity for private motorised transport and promote attractive alternatives accessible to all	2	2
2. Increase the share of journeys made by public transport, on foot and by bicycle	1	2
3. Encourage transition to low-emission vehicles	1	1
4. Develop an integrated and sustainable mobility plan	2	2
5. Reduce the impact of transport on the environment and public health	2	2

Theme Score 1.6 1.8

7. Local Action for Health

We are committed to protecting and promoting the health and well-being of our citizens

1. raise awareness and take action on the wider determinants of health, most of which lie outside the health sector	3	3
2. promote health development planning, which provides our county with a means to build and maintain strategic partnerships for health	3	3
3. reduce inequalities in health and address poverty, which will require regular reporting on progress towards reducing the gaps	2	2
4. promote health impact assessment as a means for all sectors to focus their work on health and the quality of life	1	1
5. mobilise planners to integrate health considerations in their planning strategies and initiatives	1	1

Theme Score 2 2

8. Vibrant and Sustainable Local Economy

We are committed to creating and ensuring a vibrant local economy that gives access to employment without damaging the environment

1. Adopt measures that stimulate local employment and business start-ups	2	2
2. Cooperate with local businesses to promote and implement good corporate practice	3	3
3. Develop and implement sustainability principles for the location of businesses	2	2
4. Encourage markets for high quality local and regional production	3	3
5. Promote sustainable local tourism	2	2

Theme Score 2.4 2.4

9. Social Equity and Justice

We are committed to securing inclusive and supportive communities

1. develop and implement programmes to prevent and alleviate poverty	2	2
2. ensure equitable access to public services, education, employment opportunities, training, information, and cultural activities	3	3
3. Foster social inclusion and equality	2	2
4. Improve community safety and security	3	3
5. Secure good quality and socially integrated housing and living conditions	2	2

Theme Score 2.4 2.4

10. Local to Global

We are committed to assuming our global responsibility for peace, justice, equity, sustainable development and climate protection

1. Develop and follow a strategic and integrated approach to mitigate climate change, and work towards a sustainable level of greenhouse gas emissions	2	2
2. Mainstream climate protection policy into our policies in the areas of energy, transport, procurement, waste, agriculture, forestry and biodiversity	1	2
3. Raise awareness of the causes and probable impacts of climate change, and integrate preventive actions into our climate change policy	1	2
4. Reduce our impact on the global environment and promote the principle of environmental justice	1	1
5. Strengthen the international cooperation of towns and cities and develop local responses to global problems in partnership with local governments, communities and relevant stakeholders	2	2

Theme Score 1.4 1.8

	Target	Performance
Baseline		2.02
2008/09	2.1	2.18
2009/10	2.2	
2010/11	2.4	
2011/12	2.6	
2015/16	3	

Overarching Goal for Hampshire County Council:

Within a decade Hampshire will prosper without risking our environment