

Rec #	Recommendation	Comments	Date
1	<p>The Panel recommends that a more prominent role is given to the risk management of climate change adaptation and preparing for extreme weather. To reflect this, a Cabinet Member should be identified as being both responsible for the issue and accountable for the implementation of the Panel's recommendations.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. Emergency Planning, business continuity and strategic risk management for the council are based on comprehensive risk assessment; the Council will look closely into the local climate impact projections for the city and at whether this means widening the depth and reach of assessment to more service areas. Given the extensive potential impacts across a broad range of services and functions it makes sense for the Cabinet Member for Central Services to take on this responsibility.</p>	<p>September 23, 2010</p>
2	<p>The Panel welcomes the identification of resources to undertake a Local Climate Impact Profile (LCLIP). The Panel believes that resources also need to be identified to carry out an analysis of the implications of the UK Climate Projections data (UKCP09) for the city of Brighton & Hove.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. It may be possible to undertake this work in partnership – for example, with East Sussex County Council – though the work could be achieved with the resources identified through LPSA funding as part of the Local Climate Impacts Profile work. We have made a start on the LCIP and these external funds have been secured for an officer for six months, to develop this further, starting in early October.</p>	<p>January 31, 2011</p>

3	<p>The Panel welcomes the development of a revised Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), which addresses both mitigation and adaptation in the city. The Adaptation Section of the Plan should be based on the work of this Scrutiny Panel. The Panel recommends that the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership monitors the progress of the outcomes of the CCAP.</p>	<p>Agreed, though the final decisions on this will rest with the City Sustainability and Strategic partnerships.</p>	<p>December 31, 2010</p>
4	<p>The Panel recommends that the Climate Change Action Plan is monitored on a biennial basis (every 2 years), including an assessment of where we are and how well the city is adapting. This would include a report back to the Cabinet Member who is responsible for climate change adaptation (see recommendation 1).</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>December 31, 2012</p>

5	<p>The Panel believes National Indicator 188 (NI188) is a worthwhile indicator, because it can effectively measure the progress of local areas in assessing and addressing the risks and opportunities of climate change. The Panel recommends continued use of the process outlined in NI188, even if the National Indicators and Local Area Agreements (LAAs) are changed or scrapped, unless a better method of assessing progress replaces it. The Panel recommends that NI188 is placed within the LAA, if it continues post 2010/11. This would demonstrate the importance of this issue to the city. It would also provide a focus on the need to set, and meet, a challenging timetable for taking the city through the stages of the indicator as it pro-actively prepares to adapt to climate change.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. The council will need to see what changes to the use of national indicators are introduced by the Government, but we accept the principle that the climate change adaptation process in NI 188 is a good one to use in the meantime.</p>	<p>November 30, 2010</p>
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6	<p>The Panel believes that the challenges of adaptation cannot be met by statutory agencies alone. The Panel recognises the importance of existing mechanisms such as Local Area Action Teams and the voluntary sector, to develop the capacity of communities to adapt to increasingly extreme weather in the city. A learning and development programme needs to be produced to assist these champions. This work could be linked to the Climate Connections project.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. Climate change adaptation should include a strong element of community engagement to ensure that local people and communities are able to respond and adapt to the issues – this would also strengthen volunteer and self help activity, all of which can provide low cost, more sustainable solutions. External funding is being explored to start this work.</p>	<p>March 31, 2011</p>
7	<p>The Panel recommends that climate change resilience and business continuity needs to be a high level outcome which is built into the new Intelligent Commissioning Model.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. The new Director of Place will be asked to consider this.</p>	<p>January 31, 2011</p>

8	<p>The Panel recommends that an Adaptation Test^[1] should be developed for publicly commissioned services. These services would be required to use the test to demonstrate how they are planning to face the challenges of adaptation. This test could contain a set of questions, such as: <i>‘Have you identified the possible range of impacts of climate change on the activities and responsibilities of your institution or business, and their timescales?’</i>^[2]</p> <p>The Panel believe it would also be useful to encourage other businesses in the city to use this test. (Please note: The panel members discussed this recommendation and while three of panel members approved it, Councillor Tony Janio wanted to record his dissent on this particular recommendation).</p>	<p>Agreed in principle, for high level use. It may make sense to adapt this test for use at strategic commissioning level only, and this will be explored, while ensuring that the reporting burden does not get passed down the chain to front-line service providers and their organisations. The test is not suitable for lower tiers, as for them it would be over-prescriptive and could over-burden service delivery units, especially small, local businesses competing for contracts.</p>	June 1, 2012
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9	<p>The Panel welcomes Planning proposals to ensure that developments can adapt to future climate changes. This will be achieved by implementing planning policies which require that new developments in the city must demonstrate that they can adapt to climate change through addressing such issues as flooding, overheating, rain events, storm surges and other climate related impacts. Any new planning documents will be fully informed by relevant studies about climate impacts now and in the future.</p>	<p>Agreed. Key Planning documents will be updated to take into account latest science and projections.</p>	<p>September 23, 2010</p>
10	<p>The Panel recommends that BHCC, and the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership, approach neighbouring local authorities and other bodies to identify areas of good practice, undertake a peer review and identify potential areas for cross working.</p>	<p>Agreed. Officers are involved in a Sussex Sustainability Network and there are also strong connections to build on in shoreline management, planning and other disciplines.</p>	<p>October 31, 2010</p>
11	<p>The Panel recognises that the universities and colleges in the city could be used as a valuable resource in building up knowledge about adaptation and engaging with the community. The Panel recommends that this be further explored.</p>	<p>Agreed. The council will continue to develop its relationships with both Universities, in particular, to ensure that we make the most of opportunities to share knowledge and its practical application.</p>	<p>December 31, 2010</p>

12	<p>The Panel welcomes the awarding of funds for BHCC to develop a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP). It recommends that the work on the SWMP is developed as a matter of urgency and used, where possible, to bid for funding in this vital area.</p>	<p>Agreed. We have made a start on the Surface Water Management Plan work and have made contact with the Environment Agency. Next steps include formation of a working group with the EA, adjacent local authorities, and Southern Water etc. The Plan will help inform the City's needs, so there may be potential to use it as the basis of a bidding document - though DEFRA and the agency have given no guarantees of any future funding streams for SWMP works. Brighton and Hove is one of 77 authorities receiving additional funding from DEFRA to support the development of surface water flood risk management plans and other early actions and our allocation is the second highest behind Birmingham. An allocation totalling £275,000 has been given to support the additional burden necessary to develop a surface water management plan for Brighton and Hove and other surface water management risk actions. Payment will be made over two financial years with £180,310 allocated for 2009/2010 and £95,000 allocated for 2010/11. The funding will be included as part of the Area Based Grant (ABG).</p>	September 23, 2010
13	<p>The Panel believes that it is essential that sufficient resources are identified to be able to carry out the work recommended in this report.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. The resource implications need to be understood in more detail and integrated into the budgeting process. External funding sources are also being explored.</p>	September 30, 2011

*	Monitoring of these recommendations: On completion of the work recommended by the Panel, if further resources are needed to address adaptation these should be reported in any further revisions of the Climate Change Action Plan or other relevant strategy documents.	Agreed. This role should be picked up by the City Sustainability and Strategic Partnerships.	December 31, 2010
	[1] An example of an Adaptation test and 10 indicative questions can be found in The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution's report 'Adapting Institutions to Climate Change' (2010) http://www.rcep.org.uk/reports/28-adaptation/documents/adaptation_final_report.pdf		
	[2] Ibid, page 111		