

Climate Change: Developing our Commitment 'Fitting the Bill'

Climate change will affect everyone who lives and works in Birmingham, and we all need to make changes to respond to it. Earlier this year, through the Birmingham Strategic Partnership, a draft Climate Change Strategy for Birmingham was published. It focused on two key issues:

- How we can reduce Birmingham's carbon emissions.
- How we can prepare for the inevitable consequences of climate change.

Comments received on this draft Strategy, as well as national and international developments, have suggested changes – for example Government will be publishing a Climate Change Bill later this year. This has led to leadership groups being established to recommend changes and focus on actions needed.

The Sustainability Forum is part of this work.

Completing the Strategy will ensure Birmingham can lead on tackling climate change and enable the city to 'fit the bill.'



Be part of the solution and have your say!

Keynote speaker : Tony Hawkhead CBE,
Chief Executive of Groundwork and LGA Climate
Change Commissioner

Monday 15th October, 6.00pm
Banqueting Suite, Council House
Victoria Square, B1 1BB

Free organic soup and Fairtrade refreshments on
arrival. Telephone: 0121 303 5449



Birmingham Cutting CO₂

Every year, Birmingham emits almost 7 million tonnes of CO₂ or 19,000 tonnes a day – enough to fill around 3.8 million hot air balloons!

In response an online pledging campaign, Birmingham Cutting CO₂ (www.birminghamcuttingco2.org) has been launched. This is a quick and easy way to pledge your commitment to tackling climate change by making simple changes which will cut CO₂ and help save some money in the long run as well.

There is also an online carbon calculator to help people decide how to reduce their individual CO₂, which in turn will cut the city's emissions.

Visit the website and make your pledge!

Earlier this year a Draft Climate Change Bill was published and it is expected Government will be publishing a Bill later this year – the first of its kind anywhere in the world. Amongst other things it is expected to include clear targets for reducing CO₂ emissions, as well as a focus on adapting to climate change.

Councillor Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of the City Council and Chairman of the Birmingham Strategic Partnership, has said 'Climate change is a reality and is happening at this minute. Overwhelming scientific evidence indicates that greenhouse gas emissions from human activity are changing the global environment with potentially catastrophic consequences for the environment and people.'

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