

Brent Policy Statement on Energy:

The London Borough of Brent is corporately committed to a sustainable approach to energy issues, in support of its Corporate Environmental Policy and Corporate Strategy 2002-2006.

By managing its own operations and through the use of its statutory powers and influence the Council will aim to minimise energy use and reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the Borough.

The Council will seek to minimise its own energy consumption and in so doing reduce its own CO₂ emissions at least in line with UK and London-wide targets by 20 percent by 2010 (relative to estimated 1990 levels).

In meeting the objectives of the Statement the Council will have regard to the achievement of 'best value' approaches which strike an appropriate balance between minimising cost, maximising quality and meeting corporate objectives. It will also recognise and integrate associated objectives regarding social exclusion, deprivation and diversity issues.

A management system approach will be used to help deliver, review and report progress against this policy statement.

Strategic Objectives

- E1 Review energy use and prioritise areas for action
- E2 Minimise energy consumption in relation to buildings, equipment, vehicles & plant
- E3 Increase the energy efficiency of buildings, equipment, vehicles & plant
- E4 Promote the use of cleaner and renewable energy supplies
- E5 Increase energy awareness within the public, community and business sectors

Mechanisms

- EM1 Integrating such objectives within key decision-making processes
e.g. budget setting, capital financing and investment, procurement
- EM2 Integrating such objectives within key service strategies, plans and programmes
e.g. housing strategy, planning policy, education development plan, travel plan, asset management, and regeneration
- EM3 Working in partnership with key external bodies and other authorities
- EM4 Maximising opportunities for attracting external funding to support such work
- EM5 Establishing effective energy management systems to help monitor and benchmark
- EM6 Producing, updating and reporting on a corporate Energy Action Plan for the Council

Sector Specific Objectives

Housing

- EH1 Incorporate as high levels of energy efficiency as practicable in design specifications for new-build, refurbishment work, future maintenance and usage of buildings.
- EH2 Incorporate sustainable energy issues in all construction works including the re-use/recycling of demolition materials, and energy use.
- EH3 Implement the requirements of the Home Energy Conservation Act to increase energy efficiency as comprehensively as is viable.
- EH4.1 Improve the energy efficiency of owner occupied/private sector homes through promotion of the Warm Front grant programme & Heat Streets initiative as well as the renovation grant programme for vulnerable elders and House-proud.
- EH4.2 Improve the energy efficiency of Registered Social Landlord homes through promotion of utilities SoP grants and the offer of planning advice
- EH4.3 Improve the energy efficiency of all Council housing properties to as high a level as viable through a phased programme of improvement work and to at least meet the Decent Homes standard

Transport

- ET1 Implement and utilise various measures to encourage alternatives to private car use as outlined in the Council Travel Plan
- ET2 Increase efficiency of energy use by vehicles
- ET3 Promote use of vehicles running on carbon-neutral fuel or those alternatives producing less CO₂
- ET4 Promote car-share clubs & similar schemes
- ET5 Provide incentives and facilities for drivers of alternative/renewable fuel vehicles

Education

- EE1 Encourage schools to raise awareness amongst pupils
- EE2 Increase users' (all staff) awareness of energy matters with particular emphasis on their areas of work where appropriate.
- EE3 Incorporate as high levels of energy efficiency as practicable in specifications for new build, refurbishment work, maintenance and usage/planning of buildings.
- EE4 Develop and implement the School Travel Plan

Property Management

- EPM1 Review and quantify areas of energy use and address according to priority of significant consumption and opportunities for improvement
- EPM2 Establish effective management of energy use, implementing a monitoring and targeting system for energy use in all significant Council properties, and using benchmarks to compare performance.
- EPM3 Increase the efficiency with which energy is used by buildings, plant & equipment (ensuring maintenance programmes incorporate energy efficiency best practice)
- EPM4 Improve the energy efficiency of all Council properties to as high a level as viable through a phased programme of improvement works.
- EPM5 Incorporate as high levels of energy efficiency as practicable in specifications for new-build, refurbishment work, maintenance and usage/planning of buildings.

Planning

- EP1 Require incorporation of as high levels of energy efficiency as practicable in design specifications for new-build, refurbishment work, future maintenance and usage of buildings.
- EP2 Support incorporation of sustainable energy issues in all construction works including the re-use / recycling of demolition materials, and energy use
- EP3 Secure the provision of a renewable energy infrastructure in the Borough through negotiations on major developments
- EP4 Support & facilitate the provision and development of non-motorised travel
- EP5 Encourage developers to provide clean fuel recharging facilities for low CO₂ cars / those using alternative fuels

Regeneration

- ER1 Support incorporation of sustainable energy issues in all major regeneration programmes, including the function, design, materials, and future maintenance and energy use
- ER2 Require regeneration programme expenditure to incorporate energy reduction and greater use of renewables objectives in procurement (e.g. acquisition & disposal of properties, use of buildings, equipment, vehicles & plant).
- ER3 Incorporate as high levels of energy efficiency as practicable in specifications for new-build, refurbishment work, maintenance and usage/planning of buildings.