The Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change

We acknowledge that:
- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring
- Climate change will continue to have far reaching effects on the UK's people and places, economy, society and environment

We welcome the:
- Social, economic and environmental benefits which come from mitigating climate change
- Commitments and targets agreed by central government and the programme for delivering change, as set out in the UK Climate Change Programme
- Opportunity for local government to lead the response at a local level, in encouraging and helping local residents, local businesses and other important institutions to reduce their energy costs, to reduce congestion, to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to improve the local environment and to deal with fuel poverty in our communities
- Endorsement of this declaration by central government

We commit our Council and our partners to this date, 26th February 2009, to:
- Work with central government to contribute to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the target for carbon dioxide reduction by 2010
- Participate in local and regional networks and partnerships
- Within the next two years develop plans with our partners and local communities to progressively address the causes and the impacts of climate change, according to our local priorities, securing maximum benefit for our communities
- Publicly declare, within appropriate plans and strategies, the commitment to achieve a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from our own authority's operation, especially energy sources and use, travel and transport, waste production and disposal and the purchase of goods and services
- Assess the risks associated with climate change and the implications for our services and our communities of climate change impacts and adaptation
- Encourage all sectors in our local community to seize the opportunity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public the benefits they achieve
- Monitor the progress of our plans against the actions needed and publish the results

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

acknowledges the increasing impact that climate change will have on our community during the 21st century and commits to tackling the causes and effects of a changing climate on our city, county, borough and district.

[Signatures of Council Leaders]

Leader of the Council
Chief Executive
Cllr. Waddesdon, MBE
Cllr. Elliot, Deputy Mayor of Southend
Cllr. Hardiman, Deputy Mayor of Southend