

Sustainable Development Action Plan – Progress Report Summary 2008

Organisation: **HM Treasury**

X Department Non-Ministerial Department Executive Agency NDPB Other

Report of progress against: HM Treasury sustainable development action plan 2007
(August 2007 - August 2008]

Progress Against Actions

Percentage of actions complete or on target: 93%
Average impact rating* of all the actions which are complete or on target: 3

*The Impact rating (1-4) is a self-assessment of the contribution to SD priority areas, and is not an indication of performance.

Embedding Sustainability

Self assessment ratings against four themes: To what extent is sustainable development embedded?

Policies	People	Operations	Governance, Monitoring and Reporting
Fully Integrated	On Course	On Course	On Course

Sustainable Procurement

Self assessment ratings against five themes of the Flexible Framework: What level has the organisation already reached? (Where an alternative sustainable procurement tool has been used, please provide an appropriate summary.)

A new procurement strategy was agreed in October 2007 and firmly places procurement policy within the context of best value for money. The new approach we have adopted is consistent with *Transforming Government Procurement*. It seeks to maximise our use of pan-Government frameworks, cross-departmental, collaborative deals and standard specifications. We regard engagement with our suppliers on sustainability as essential, and contract and category managers have been working with them to ensure that our contracts and suppliers support our sustainability objectives and help us meet our targets.

Taking Stock

What have been the **highlights** of your organisation's sustainable development progress over the past year?

- Delivery of CSR07, PSA framework and environmental policy measures announced in Budget 2008
- Publication of the King Review and launch of CEMEP's report on building a low carbon economy

What are the key **challenges** for the future?

- Pursuit of environmental policy objectives in the light of difficult times in the global economy

What are the key things which have **helped and hindered** progress towards sustainable development?

Helps:

- CSR07 and launch of PSA performance measurement framework set context for thorough and long-term approach to effective policy making

Hinders:

- The Department operates within a very time-pressured environment as policy development is centred around Budget and Spending Review cycles. Development of a more collaborative approach and increased staff awareness of sustainable development are crucial.

What **lessons have been learnt** from the progress report? How will these be taken forward in the next SDAP?

- Need for greater focus on Treasury People-related actions, including actions related to staff awareness of sustainable development principles, the Department's internal working culture, cross-departmental collaboration and wider stakeholder engagement.

Please summarise how the SDAP is aligned with and has helped your organisation to deliver its high level strategic objectives, including any Public Service Agreements (PSAs) and Departmental Strategic Objectives: The five guiding principles on sustainable development are at the heart of the Department's two Strategic Objectives and everyday working practices. While the majority of the Treasury's work is focused on the achievement of a sustainable economy; the SDAP ensures social and environmental goals are being increasingly integrated within the Treasury and its wider family.

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