

Strategic Plan Delivery Form 2010/11

Name of project	Low Carbon Zones	Project number	44SP10/11
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1. Objective

Description

Low Carbon Zones (LCZ) are exemplar neighbourhoods in London demonstrating the value of a concentrated delivery of measures within a small geographical area. Specifically, the zones look to demonstrate the additional carbon savings, economic and administrative efficiencies and funding leverage that can be achieved through integrating a range of projects, delivering to a range of buildings and local communities at the same time. The programme is LDA funded and delivered by the GLA and borough partners.

Reason for undertaking the project

The Mayor has committed to achieving a reduction in London's carbon emission by 60 per cent by 2025. This requires concerted action by a number of stakeholders, including Boroughs and energy suppliers. This project seeks to demonstrate that significant savings are achievable at the neighbourhood level. The intention is that the model can then be rolled out across London in the longer term. Funding agreements have been signed with the ten zones, setting out deliverables between now and 2012.

Aims and objectives

Key outputs for the programme will be

- a) A reduction of carbon across the zones of 20.12% by 2012.
- b) A commitment to work towards 60 per cent savings by 2025.
- c) Leverage of private investment into low carbon zones.

Low Carbon Zones will develop a series of exemplars that demonstrate how local, integrated delivery models can be used to achieve London's climate change targets. Up to 10 Low Carbon Zones will be supported in London, each containing up to 1000 buildings. Boroughs will propose an Low Carbon Zones, build a consortium of delivery partners and build projects to deliver 20.12% carbon savings by 2012 and 60% carbon savings by 2025. The GLA and LDA will provide a strategic partnership and core funding role.

The GLA is providing a project manager who is working with the LDA and the zones to ensure that they deliver against their funding agreements. The GLA is also facilitating the Low Carbon steering group, comprising the GLA, LDA, Energy savings Trust and London Councils which provides high level direction to the programme. The Assistant Director Transport & Environment chairs this group.

2. Milestones 2010/11

Outcome	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Mid Year Evaluation report published.				
First Year progress report published.				

3. Risks

20 per cent carbon savings are not made through the programme.	Medium	Funding agreements are in place with each borough with agreed outputs. The GLA will monitor the programme through allocated resources.
Programmes do not lever in identified sources of funding.	Low	Funding agreements are in place and provisions in the agreement allow claw back.
No buy-in from stakeholders.	Low	Stakeholders included in Steering Group for programme, regular meetings arranged between LCZ project manager and boroughs.

4. Finance 2010/11

Seed funding will attract significant private sector funds. The programme is funded through £3m of grant funding from the LDA between 2009-12, spread over (up to) 10 zones. The GLA will provide Programme Management resources. There are no costs (other than GLA staff time) that are forecast to be borne by the GLA.