



**Action: 16** **Set up a project team to investigate rational energy use and renewable energy in the county.**

**Rationale**  
 To promote greater energy awareness and efficiency.  
 To bring about a reduction in overall energy usage.  
 To encourage sustainable energy practices in the Transport, Housing and Industry sectors.  
 To shift the focus away from carbon intensive energy sources to renewable sources of energy.  
 To promote investment in renewable energy and infrastructure rather than fossil fuel infrastructure.

**Roles of Contributing Partners**

|      | €<br>Finance | ☺<br>Co-ordinate | ⚙️<br>Implement | 📄<br>Integrate<br>into Plans | 💬<br>Comment and<br>Observe |
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| FDB  |              | √                |                 |                              |                             |
| FCC  | √            |                  | √               | √                            |                             |
| RDL  | √            |                  | √               | √                            |                             |
| FCVF |              |                  |                 |                              | √                           |

**Key Steps**  
 Set up a project team to investigate rational energy use and renewable energy.  
 Audit the energy use of local authority offices, depots, transport vehicles, plant and public lighting.  
 Draw up an Energy Efficiency Charter.  
 Research the transition to sustainable energy systems.  
 Plan for the implementation of the EU Energy Directives.

**Timeframe**

|                | 2006 |    |    |    | 2007 |    |    |    | 2008 |    |    |    |
|----------------|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|
|                | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Pre-Planning   |      | √  | √  |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Implementation |      |    |    | √  | √    | √  | √  | √  | √    | √  | √  | √  |
| Evaluation     |      |    |    | √  |      |    |    | √  |      |    |    | √  |

| Indicators | Process                                     | Administrative   | Global  |
|------------|---|--|---|
|            | Agreement to set up a project team by 2007. | Alternative energy projects including conservation up and running. | Higher % Budget devoted to Alternative Energy.<br>Higher % Alternative Energy contribution to overall energy use. |

**Commitment to Costs** FCC (Programme Group 5, Environmental Protection) and Participating Departments.