

# Low Carbon Task Force

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

E.ON, Exeter City Council, East Devon District Council,  
Exeter Chamber of Commerce and Devon County Council

### Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the nature of the relationship between E.ON, Exeter City Council, East Devon District Council, Exeter Chamber of Commerce and Devon County Council which all parties have committed to adopting. The MOU does not create any legal rights obligations between the parties. It is a statement of intent and all parties undertake to work within the spirit of cooperation described here in:

### The Rationale

The rationale for this agreement is summarised as follows:  
All parties wish to operate in new ways and through a new relationship. All parties firmly believe that their interests are best served by the adoption of cooperative ways of working together. While accepting the need for project specific contracts, all parties accept that this Charter will provide a reference document against which their approach and actions can be compared.

### Principal Objectives

#### The principal objectives of the Task Force are as follows:

1. To reduce energy consumption / carbon footprint / energy costs within the area
2. To increase energy efficiency through smart initiatives / technologies
3. To seek continuous improvement through regular communications and a partnership working programme
4. To deliver additional benefits to the community through education, training, job creation and community engagement
5. To deliver services to the highest standards of quality

#### The actions that will be taken to deliver the Principal Objectives:

- Co-operation will be continually aspired to in all our activities and communication.
- We agree to work with respect and equality and wherever possible as simplistically as possible
- All parties (and subsequent additional partnership with objective of this MoU will adopt the partnership at a senior level
- All parties will annually allocate the necessary resources where necessary

### The Nature of the Relationship

The following values are held by all parties to the MOU:

- No party has a monopoly on best practice, initiative or solution
- All information is shared openly where possible
- Problems are solved jointly
- Innovative proposals are positively criticised
- Working relationships are friendly
- Wherever possible risks are shared

### Term

Any party can confirm to the others in writing at any time and with immediate effect that they wish to bring this MOU to an end.



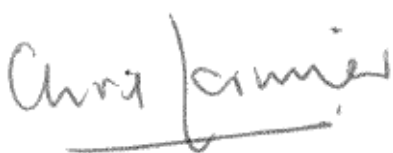
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Signed on: 18 May 2011

