
Supporting Sustainability

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Baseline and Targets

- ❖ 2007/08 Carbon Management Plan: baseline figure 16652t Co²/annum
- ❖ Reduction on baseline figure of 20% by 2012/13
- ❖ Reduction on baseline figure of 38% by 2020
- ❖ Investing/Salix

The Project

- ❖ New residences design: BREEAM excellence required 'low carbon solutions' Solar water heater, Photovoltaic (investment circa £250k) not a step change in reducing Co² emissions, CHP
- ❖ Feasibility study funded partially by The Carbon Trust: Biomass boiler vs gas fired CHP identified potential 2882t Co² per annum (18% of baseline data) reduction
- ❖ Installation of a gas fired combined heating and power plant including conversion from MTHW to LTHW and upgrade of control systems

The Enablers

- ❖ New residences project requiring circa £250k on renewables
- ❖ Existing infrastructure i.e. DHN delivering heat to academic teaching buildings/ residences and 11kV Network
- ❖ Swimming pool
- ❖ University commitment from the outset
- ❖ 2013 Funding: £2M from SFC

The Challenges

- ❖ Timescales: Set by Scottish Government and Public Sector Procurement
- ❖ Desire for complete project to be undertaken by SFC
- ❖ Conversion from 3-port to 2-port control
- ❖ Working on a live campus with centralised boiler plant

Challenges

- ❖ Ascertain heat load profiles for buildings theoretical vs actual
- ❖ Sizing of the engine and lead time
- ❖ Generate at LV or HV
- ❖ Consideration of using low grade heat from lubricating oil circuit
- ❖ Suitability and condition of existing concrete chimney

Benefits

- ❖ Reduction in University's carbon footprint by 2882t co² per annum and associated financial saving circa £550k per annum
- ❖ Knowledge sharing with other Universities
- ❖ Working with University of Stirling students on MSc course in Environmental Sciences
- ❖ Working with local schools promoting low carbon technologies







The Future

- ❖ Current emissions footprint 15/16; 11990t Co² (28% reduction on 2007/08 baseline)
- ❖ Photovoltaic
- ❖ Embracing green travel/electric car facilities
- ❖ Improving resilience of main water network and elimination of leaks
- ❖ Further installation of LED fittings

The Future

- ❖ 6MW burner upgrades to include O^2 trim
- ❖ Further optimisation of BEMS control systems
- ❖ Further collaboration with staff & students: interhall competitions, energy reduction campaigns

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