The new Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change
A proposal from Friends of the Earth, August 2011

We acknowledge that

- Ambitious action to avert dangerous climate change is essential globally, nationally and locally
- Local authorities have a pivotal role in tackling climate change and helping to meet the Climate Change Act and national carbon budgets
- Action on climate change should be a core function of all local authorities
- Local authorities have an important role in ending fuel poverty in our communities

We welcome the

- Social, economic and environmental benefits which come from combating climate change
- Potential of locally-led programmes to reduce emissions by encouraging and helping residents, businesses and other organisations to reduce energy usage, cut congestion, and adapt to the impacts of climate change
- Leadership opportunity that responding to the challenge of climate change offers to local government
- Endorsement of this declaration by central Government

We commit our council from this date ______________ to play our full role in helping to meet the UK’s carbon reduction targets.

To do this we will produce, consult upon, implement, report upon and maintain a climate change action plan for our local authority area. This plan will be

- **Ambitious**: we will adopt a target for local area greenhouse gas reduction that is at least in line with the level of ambition of the national carbon budgets
- **Informed**: our target and plans will be based on the best available evidence about emissions in our local area and from our own operations, including taking into account any relevant advice from the Committee on Climate Change
- **Comparable**: for transparency and fairness we will sign up to a set of common reporting standards and benchmarks so that our council’s progress can be compared with other signatories
- **Fully accountable** to local communities, businesses and organisations, with frequent stakeholder engagement
- **Transparent** – we will declare our commitments to achieve our greenhouse gas reduction targets and publish reports against progress towards them

Our plan will cover

- Reducing emissions from our **own estate and operations**
- Reducing emissions from our **local area**
- What we will do to help the effective implementation of **national Government policy**
- **What we expect and need national Government to deliver** to enable us to play our full role and meet our targets
- How we will **work with local residents**, businesses, public sector organisations and other stakeholders
- What we will do to make sure our communities are resilient to the **impacts** of climate change.

Signed by ____________________________________ Council