

## **ROLE OF THE CARBON REDUCTION WORKING PARTY**

Reducing emissions and increasing efficiencies is key to the long-term success of any organisation. Increasing pressure will be brought to bear on organisations that perform badly; through new legislation and 'taxes' aimed at implementing change in the way we use resources.

Carbon emissions are the waste element most frequently measured as it is a tangible way of assessing how much energy is being used and presenting the information in a meaningful way.

The NMSI Carbon Reduction Working Party will drive the coordination, development and implementation of the initiatives undertaken throughout the organisation to reduce our carbon footprint.

Through active engagement and collaboration, NMSI will, via the CRWP:

- Assess all 'reduction initiatives' and coordinate them to deliver planned programme meeting the organisational goal.
- Engage all staff, and contractors, with the aims of the projects, how they play a role, and the results from these initiatives.
- Produce policy, guidelines and reports to promote carbon reduction within the organisation.
- Drive financial savings through the reduction of energy use, sustainable design and waste minimisation.
- Capture and promote all relevant information to external parties where desirable.

And in so doing enhance the reputation of NMSI by meeting published commitments and by gaining recognition.

### Phase One

A managed, phased, long-term vision is essential to the success of these projects –this will be the subject of further assessment and resources in the immediate future. However it is the aim of the CRWP to deliver, by the end of 2010, the following initiatives:

- Produce a new Environmental Policy that will provide clear commitments and objectives for the organisation.
- Plan and deliver energy awareness campaign prior to the launch of the Atmosphere gallery.
- Establish a dedicated intranet site promoting and informing staff on carbon reduction initiatives and provide resources for staff to utilise.
- Prepare a forward programme of initiatives (a road map) to reduce carbon.
- Analyse and address staff travel and the options to reduce this.
- Establish processes to measure the organisations carbon footprint and publish information in a clear and informative way.
- Establish and facilitate a team of 'Carbon Champions' within the organisation.