

**'GETTING SWITCHED ON TO CLIMATE CHANGE'**

**Report of the Corporate Policy Manager, Stockport Council**

All across Greater Manchester almost 20,000 people are taking small steps to tackle Climate Change supported through the Manchester is my Planet programme. To date, 1374 Stockport people have made the pledge.

The pledge itself is...

*"I pledge to play my part in reducing Greater Manchester's greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent before 2010, to help the UK meet its international commitment on climate change."*

To help boost the number of pledges further, AGMA and Manchester is my Planet are asking local strategic partnerships to circulate details of the pledge through their own staff and networks.

Greater Manchester has an overall target of getting 50,000 people Switched-on to Climate Change. For Stockport this means getting 3,000 more people to take the Climate Change pledge.

We'd therefore like to encourage all colleagues within our partner organisations, together with their family and friends, to help us reach this goal and demonstrate that they (and Stockport) are Switched-on to Climate Change. It only takes a couple of minutes to sign up and pledges will automatically register on the Stockport total as part of an online Greater Manchester 'pledge-o-metre'.

Switched-on people taking the pledge will also get access to exclusive offers, competitions, updates and information helping them to take steps towards a lower-carbon lifestyle.

You can take the pledge by visiting

[www.manchesterismyplanet.com/takethepledge.asp](http://www.manchesterismyplanet.com/takethepledge.asp)

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