

PROFILE



Ray Morgan, OBE, CPFA

Ray Morgan, Chief Executive, Woking Borough Council has had a career in the public sector for over 30 years. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and was awarded an OBE in 2007 for his services to Local Government.

Ray Morgan joined Woking Borough Council as Director of Finance in 1989 and since that time has championed many key initiatives and been instrumental in the development of many of the authority's key strategies namely: Asset Management; Equalities and Diversity; Implementation of Electronic Government; Partnership Development; and Waste Management. However, it can be said the most notable initiative that Ray Morgan has led is the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

The Climate Change Strategy was adopted by the Council in December 2002, and first published in March 2003. It is a comprehensive Strategy covering the whole spectrum of the Borough's energy uses: power, heat, water, waste disposal and transport for local authority, home and business users. The three overarching principles of the Strategy are the reduction of CO₂ equivalent emissions; adaptation to climate change; and promotion of sustainable development.

For this work Woking Borough Council gained in 2001 the Queen's Award for Enterprise: Sustainable Development in respect of its Energy Services activities in the development of Sustainable Local Community Energy Systems.

In addition Woking Borough Council has been awarded in 2005 'Beacon Status' for sustainable energy and in 2007 'Beacon Status' for promoting sustainable communities through the planning process, by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA)

Ray Morgan is Principal Advisor to, and a Director of, the Thamesway Group of companies which have been established to deliver many of these projects.

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