

## **POLICY STATEMENT 2**

### **LOCAL AGENDA 21**

Transportation, the environment and sustainability IHIE endorses the principles of a sustainable environment as developed in Local Agenda 21.

Hence, IHIE:

- Would like to encourage the best use of existing infrastructure and of new construction, which is economically and environmentally sustainable.
- Believes that infrastructure development should be sustainable and acceptable to the public.
- Regrets the lack of adequate public investment in public transportation and in non-motor vehicle transportation commensurate with the reducing capital investment programme.
- Would like to see investment focus on maintenance and road repair and on adapting parts of the highway network for non-motorised transportation.
- Believes that revenue raised on transportation initiatives should be ring fenced for transportation.
- Would like to see the money raised through the Landfill Tax be more easily accessible to realise its potential for financing environmental schemes.
- IHIE will raise awareness of Local Agenda 21 to assist the Institute and its members to implement LA21 recommendations.

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#### **Actions**

IHIE will:

- Review IHIE's operations and procedures bearing in mind EMAS (Secretary, Management Committee)
- Introduce environmental awareness into the Professional Review and make specific mention of environmental skills and actions in the Syllabus (Membership Committee, Annual Reviewers' Meeting)
- Include the EngC Code and Guidelines on Engineers and the Environment in PR Applicants Packs.
- Ask The Engineering Council to commit itself to environmental management (P Dipper)
- Seek to enhance the environmental awareness and commitment of members
- Hold more participatory conferences and facilitate more Branch involvement
- Use the LA21 symposium in December to pilot environment friendly procedures and aim to publish a list of key ideas/actions for delegates (T&E).

- Encourage IHIE Branches to hold meetings to tie in with the national symposium.
- Bear LA21 in mind when commenting on Department ET & R etc consultations (I Bradfield to produce a checklist) (PPG).
- Encourage the development of professional awareness and skills in the design and construction of environment friendly transportation (e.g. calming, cycling and access-friendly schemes) to facilitate more sustainable development.

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By the year 2020 IHIE wants to see an accountable, sustainable, well-maintained transportation network available to all.