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Energy companies back UK cities to tackle climate change

Major energy companies today launched a new programme to boost action by UK cities to tackle climate change and support the Government's new Low Carbon Cities Programme.

The UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy's programme, supported initially by Shell and RWE npower, is designed to drive forward the wider deployment of sustainable energy technologies and energy services by creating a new partnership between major cities and towns, and the UK's leading energy companies.

David Green, Chief Executive of the UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy says:

"We are delighted to be able to work alongside the Government's new Low Carbon Cities Programme to create the sustainable partnerships between central and local government and the private sector that will be essential to transform our Cities into the low-carbon communities of the future."

James Smith, Chairman of Shell UK says:

"We need to use our energy much more efficiently, and reduce the carbon impact. While the challenge is global, we need to take action at a local level, and that is why we want to work with UK cities to help in their efforts to tackle climate change."

Andy Duff, Chief Executive of RWE npower, says:

"Energy companies are keen to work with city authorities to identify sustainable energy opportunities that are tailored to local needs. We are looking forward to engaging with city leaders to explore how we can work together to move towards more sustainable cities and towns."

A key element of the work is a targeted programme in major UK cities to secure practical action on climate change by stimulating investment in sustainable energy and the development of the next generation of energy services activities. The Council will build on this experience to develop policy recommendations designed to further enhance the scope for local action.

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Notes to editor:

The UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy brings together the UK's major energy companies. It works to support the fastest transition possible towards a sustainable energy economy consistent with the delivery of a secure and reliable energy infrastructure.

The Council has sister organisations in Washington, Frankfurt and Melbourne

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