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UKBCSE Welcomes Government's Low Carbon Community Challenge

The Council today welcomed the announcement by Ed Miliband MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) of a Low Carbon Communities Challenge. This is a two-year programme to provide financial and advisory support to 20 'test-bed' communities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland that are seeking to cut carbon emissions.

David Green, Chief Executive of the Council, comments:

"We welcome the launch today of the Government's Low Carbon Communities Challenge. Local community action has a key role to play in mitigating climate change – demonstrating that small lifestyle changes and community projects can add up to make a big impact in terms of carbon savings.

Through the 20 community projects, the Government, energy companies and other key stakeholders will be able to explore new measures and approaches for delivering carbon savings at a local scale. We hope that there will be an opportunity for the wider public to follow the progress of these communities to develop a practical understanding of what can be achieved and how."

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Notes to editor:

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) Low Carbon Communities Challenge overview and application form will be available to view at www.decc.gov.uk following the announcement.

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, reliable and affordable energy infrastructure.

The Council has sister organisations in Washington, Frankfurt and Melbourne

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