



Business  
Council  
for Sustainable  
Energy UK

# The Role of Local Authorities

Sustainable UK Cities – Glasgow

# Introducing the UKBCSE

- Bring together the major energy companies in the UK
- Our goal is to support the fastest transition possible towards a sustainable energy economy consistent with the delivery of a secure and affordable energy infrastructure

# What we do

- Develop practical and ambitious new thinking in energy policy
- Facilitate high level engagement between business, Government and NGOs
- Play an active role in international climate negotiations
- Sister organisations in US, Australia and Germany

# Scotland- Green Energy Capital

- Renewable Energy Framework 20% of renewable energy by 2020
- 32 Local Authorities signed up to Scotland's Climate Change Declaration
- COSLA call for a Scottish Steering Group on Climate Change
- Sustainable Glasgow Initiative: low-carbon energy systems, homes, businesses & sustainable transport systems

# LGA Climate Change Commission

- Established to:
  - Critically challenge Local Government action on climate change
  - Make recommendations on how the local government response could be improved
- Reported December 2007 -planning to meet again to review progress against recommendations

# Key recommendations

## LEADERSHIP

- New performance management framework a critical opportunity to set climate change targets
- Community leadership + resources = action

# Key recommendations

## **CAPACITY**

- Harness community capacity
- Address any skill gaps that constrain local action
- Assess resilience of infrastructure to climate change

# Recommendations

## **TRANSPARENCY**

- Adopt climate change targets
- Challenge performance, internally and externally
- Move beyond declarations to practical action

# Key recommendations

## **ENGAGEMENT**

- Play to strengths –a trusted intermediary
- Promote environmental justice
- Use purchasing powers effectively
- Work with key partners

# The opportunity ...

- Around £4 billion will be invested to cut carbon emissions from the nation's homes over the next three years
- Renewable energy targets will see an additional 50 GW of renewable electricity generation in the UK
- Significant investment in decarbonising Britain's buildings – all new homes to be zero carbon by 2016

# Power of partnerships

- Aberdeen
- Newcastle
- London
- Kirklees

# Aberdeen Heat and Power

- Aberdeen CC Affordable Warmth Strategy 1999 – least energy efficient stock
- CHP offered best savings for tenants
- Independent Not for Profit Company established
- Company secures funding just over LA rates

# Aberdeen Heat and Power

- Stockethill, Hazlehead and Seaton
- 1000 households covered by scheme – 27% of City's housing stock
- Looking at partnerships with private and public sector and potential to replicate scheme in other cities in Scotland

# Next steps

- Set out a positive vision
- Identify your potential partners
- Engage early

Don't wait –take the lead