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The Role of Local Authorities

Sustainable UK Cities –
Newcastle upon Tyne

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

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

- Newcastle
- London
- Milton Keynes
- Kirklees

Next steps

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

Don't wait –take the lead