

Local authorities - leading the low carbon revolution

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- **Socially-just solutions to environmental problems**
- **Changing the world changing politics**
- **Global: 77 national organisations, 2 million supporters**
- **230 campaigning local groups**
- **Climate Change Act, doorstep recycling, FITs**



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Tackling climate change

- **Critical time – emissions must peak soon**
- **UK situation in flux**
- **Cutting carbon emissions is a non-negotiable priority**
- **Finding solutions that work for people and the environment, such as FITs**



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Key role of local authorities

- **80% of UK carbon emissions from local activity**
- **Value of area-based approach**
- **Some trailblazing councils but most need step-change in ambition and action**
- **Get Serious About CO2 campaign:**
 - **40% cuts area-wide by 2020, Climate Change Strategy**
- **40% councils cover 10% population of England**



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Local Carbon Budgets

- **Nationwide system ensuring every council plays its part**
- **Cap on area-wide emissions**
- **Councils can lead local action, in partnership with community**
- **Information and resources**
- **Broad political support**
- **Legislation this Parliament - welcome your views**



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Feed-In Tariffs

- **Small-scale renewables – potential underestimated and neglected**
- **Renewables shoehorned into existing system – many shut out**
- **Huge potential**
- **Current scheme welcome but low ambition: 2% UK electricity but could be much more**



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Feed-In Tariffs

- **Transformative effect: changing perceptions**
- **Doing something for communities, not to them**
- **Benefits:**
 - reduced energy bills
 - increased resilience
 - tackle fuel poverty,
 - jobs



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More to do

- **Review tariffs for wind schemes above 1.5MW and for anaerobic digestion**
- **Lift cap to 10MW**
- **Renewable Heat Incentive**



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The future

The best places to live and work in the future will be those that have faced up to the challenge of cutting carbon and have involved local people in solutions that work best for communities and the environment.



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