

LGA Group – Programme Plan

Item 4, Annex C1

Theme – Environment

Priority & Lead	What we are looking to achieve	Outputs	Who	When
<i>Saving Energy</i>				
Financial and performance framework – CRC and local carbon frameworks (Russell and Steve)	Ensure the positive progression of local authorities within the Carbon Reduction Commitment EES	The production of a replicable code of practice for schools and local authorities to ensure the equitable and fair distribution of profit and loss within the CRC EES (RR	September 2010
	Encourage schools as sector to take reasonable steps to reduce energy consumption, alongside local authorities, within Carbon Reduction Commitment.	A new publication aimed at senior council leaders/officers and school governing bodies, focusing on the co-benefits to be achieved through positive cooperation under the Carbon Reduction Commitment EES.	RR and SW	September 2010
	Ensuring that the interests of UK local authorities are effectively represented during the domestic transposition of updated European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive	Lobbying on appropriate freedoms and flexibilities for public sector within the domestic transposition of updated European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive	RR	September 2010
		A programme of events and publications to share learning focusing on corporate CO2 reduction (e.g. CRC, EPBD, Zero Carbon non doms, transport)	SW and RR	To conclude March 2010

			SW and AB	January 2011
	<p>Develop the skills set of the sector to enable the planning and delivery of action to reduce their own and local carbon emissions</p> <p>The improvement of the national policy framework on local action on climate change through local carbon frameworks</p>	<p>Support the continued development of a supported national climate change officer network</p> <p>The production of a robust and replicable local carbon framework, developed with the nine local carbon framework pilot local authorities and the local carbon frameworks council group (Abigail, March 2011)</p> <p>A programme of events and publications to engage the sector and share learning (Steve, Abigail and Russell, March 2011)</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>SW/AB/RR</p> <p>AB/SW/DM</p>	<p>March 2011</p> <p>To conclude March 2011</p> <p>December 2010</p>
Domestic energy saving (Abigail and Steve)	<p>Ensure the Household Energy Management Strategy enables local authorities to lead on improving the energy efficiency and delivery of clean energy</p> <p>A structure that enables local authorities to develop and finance robust local delivery plans for improving domestic energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty</p> <p>Ensure the role of local authorities in tackling climate change locally is recognised and valued</p>	<p>The capturing and dissemination of good practice on local authority and energy company partnerships, learning from existing partnerships and the Carbon Emission Savings Programme (CESP).</p> <p>Improved understanding within the sector and with government on the role of local authorities in local energy option analysis and energy master-planning.</p> <p>Lobbying on the availability of effective financing mechanisms</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>	<p>March 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p> <p>October 2010</p>

		<p>for local energy efficiency and clean energy delivery.</p> <p>A focused week-long campaign highlighting the role of local authorities in tackling climate change, raising awareness with government, the general public, businesses and local communities</p>		
<i>Environmental risk</i>				
<p>Environmental hazards – understanding by local leaders of risk and by Government of local role (Nick)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local and national decision-makers fully understand how councils’ work to tackle environmental hazards/ pollution protects health and contributes to economic recovery • Government improves national approach to reducing air pollution, including full and appropriate role for councils • Help councils further improve streetscene and local environmental quality to maintain and improve the reputation of local government • Ensure EU Soil Framework Directive is proportionate and support’s councils’ in reducing environmental hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and promote materials and tools that highlight contribution to promoting health and economic development; follow-up to Marmot review; input into IDeA’s Leadership Academy work; lobby Government to ensure appropriate funding processes • Follow-up to recent Government and Parliamentary reviews; lobby for appropriate support for councils • Support for councils, including for councillors on the elements of a holistic service; lobbying Government where necessary <p>Work with LGA’s EIU to ensure Directive supports and reinforces</p>	<p>VGB</p>	

		councils' work; input into England and Wales regulations (if 2010-11)	VGB	
Managing risk from changing climate – 'adaptation' (Vanessa Goodchild Bradley and Steve Waller)	<p>Ensure national policy framework supports councils.</p> <p>Greater awareness of future climate impacts in all LAs.</p> <p>Development of well informed local strategies to counter threats and capitalise on opportunities of a changing climate.</p> <p>Learning from international expertise tell us about managing risks from extreme weather events and disaster recovery.</p>	<p>Work with partners to improve NI 188</p> <p>Promoting Be aware Be aware reports and messages to all LAs. Input to LRAP case studies.</p> <p>Input to and promotion of IDeA work with members. Development of additional resources with IDeA.</p> <p>Review of existing research. (note funded by the Living With Environmental Change Partnership)</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>LGAAR</p> <p>VGB</p> <p>VGB</p>	
Flood risk management (Vanessa Goodchild Bradley and Steve Waller)	<p>Support for the sector to enable them to carry out the lead role effectively, including a stronger commitment from govt to provide necessary resources.</p> <p>Raise awareness and priority of FRM in all LAs and achieve progress in reducing local flood risk.</p> <p>Improve protection and resilience of areas at risk of flooding.</p>	<p>Clearer evidence on funding and capacity needs, feeding into joint Defra/LGA panel. Including development of alternative funding models</p> <p>LGA Inland FRM Group lobbying to secure resources and raise profile of FRM, backed by additional IDeA resources and promotion of good practice through network and case studies.</p>	VGB/Group Comms	

		Lobby for resilient repair, insurance incentives for protection measures		
<i>Knowledge and capability</i>				
Support for networks, leadership development, and access to/application of research and technology (Steve and Tim)	Councils getting the best from UK investment in research	Web enabled, searchable portal giving access to existing reputable research resources including existing research findings, access to relevant researchers, and information on current research programmes and possible sources of funding.	Jonathan Evans	Portal launched by October 2010
	Share practice and in sector support through online environmental sustainability and climate change practioner network Enhance member confidence to support and challenge in addressing climate change	Stage online event for key practice developments Deliver two Leadership Academies and member workooks	Steve/Dan Steve/Dan	Oct 2010 Sept 2010 Feb 2011
	Piloting climate change Peer Reviews and self assessment tool	Deliver two peer reviews	Steve	June and September 2010
	Securing the best support for local authorities from national support agencies and providing challenge to Councils through engagement and development of support with the Nottingham Declaration Partners	IDeA provides leadership and programme management to the Partnership to ensure sector input into the support provided by Partners. Steve, Abigail and Russell	Steve,Dan Abigail and Russell	Appoint Partnership Manager June 2010
<i>National Infrastructure s (joint priority with Regeneration &Transport)</i>				
Getting the best deal for the local environment and economy (Phillip)	Equipping local government to play a key role influencing the decisions about national infrastructure projects	Campaigning to secure financial resources for the council role Raising awareness of the local	Phillip Mind	Ongoing

		government role amongst local government itself and other stakeholders		
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