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Agenda

Meeting title LG Group Environment & Housing Programme Board and AGMA Environment Commission

Meeting date 2 February 2011

Meeting time 11.00am – 1.00 pm (refreshments from 10.30am)

Meeting venue Committee Rooms 2 &3, Stockport Town Hall, Edward Street,
Stockport, SK1 3XE

	Item	Time
1.	Introduction Cllr Dave Goddard, Leader of Stockport Council and Chair of the AGMA Environment Commission and Cllr Clyde Loakes, Vice-Chair, LG Group Environment & Housing Programme Board	11.00am
2.	Mobilising for delivery: Governance and Priorities for a Low Carbon Economy Chair's introduction: Cllr Clyde Loakes National Context: Martin Wheatley, Local Government Group Mike Reardon, Strategic Director, AGMA Followed by discussion	11.10am

3. **Programmes, Projects and key issues (Energy Plans and Climate Strategies, Low Carbon Investment, Local Carbon Framework, delivering government programmes)** **11.40am**

Chair's introduction: Cllr Dave Goddard
National Context: Abigail Burrridge, Local Government Group
Sarah Davies, Head of Strategy and Programmes, AGMA
Followed by discussion
4. **Green Deal and Retrofit** **12.10pm**

Chair's introduction: Cllr Clyde Loakes
National Context: Abigail Burrridge, Local Government Group
Michael O'Doherty, Head of Climate Change Buildings and Energy, Manchester CC
Followed by discussion
5. **Summary of key issues and what should be taken forward by the Group** **12.40pm**

Summary of discussions and some key questions and messages for the LG Group to take away.
6. **Closing Remarks** **12.55pm**

Cllr Dave Goddard, Leader of Stockport Council and Chair of the AGMA Environment Commission

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Environment Commission 2 February 2011**

List of Attendees:

Name	Authority
Cllr David Goddard	Stockport BC GM Environment Commission(EC)
Cllr Clyde Loakes	Waltham Forest LB
Cllr Mike Haines	Teignbridge DC
Cllr Berni Turner	Liverpool City Council
Cllr David Smith	Lichfield DC
Cllr Ian Openshaw	Chesterfield Borough Council
Cllr Lorna Campbell	Lambeth LB
Cllr Michael Green	Lancashire County Council
Cllr Susan Wise	London Borough of Lewisham
Cllr Gill Gardiner	Wirral Borough Council
Cllr Dorothy Gunther	Bury Council
Cllr Tom Clare	Cumbria County Council
Richard Armitage	Calderdale Council
Emma Appleton	Calderdale Council
Helen Tinker	Kirklees Council
Cllr Alan Litton	Warrington Borough Council
Martin Wheatley	Local Government Association
Clive Harris	Local Government Association
Abigail Burrige	Local Government Association
Sarah Monaghan	Local Government Association
Cllr Derek Antrobus	Salford BC GM Planning and Housing Commission (P&HC)
Cllr Linda Blackburn	Trafford BC EC
Roger Milburn	ARUP EC
Anne Selby	Lancs Wildlife Trust EC
Keith Davidson	Pannone EC
Mike Reardon	Strategic Director EC
Sarah Davies	Head of Strategy and Programmes EC
Michael O'Doherty	Head of Climate Change Buildings and Energy Manchester CC
Steve Fyfe	Housing Strategy Manager P&HC
Kerry Bond	GM Support Officer AGMA

**Environment and Housing Programme Board and Association of
Greater Manchester Authorities**

Policy Briefing
2 February 2011

LG Offer on Climate Change

The LG Group submitted the LG Offer on Climate Change to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in September 2010. The Offer set out 15 proposals on how DECC, the LG Group and councils could work together to address climate change. An executive summary of the [Offer](#) is available online and the full document is available on request. The LG Group is negotiating on an agreement between the Group and DECC on how this agenda will be taken forward, to be finalised for early Spring 2011.

Local Carbon Frameworks

These were launched in [January 2010](#) and have been continued under the new Government. Nine pilot areas are trialling new ways of working to enable councils to do more to reduce carbon in their geographical areas. The projects include mapping opportunities for renewable energy, the council role in the Green Deal, community renewable energy programmes, etc. DECC have awarded 30 local authorities in the 9 pilot areas £2.5million to develop the frameworks. The LG Group have appointed consultants to evaluate the pilots, extract the learning, and formulate a framework for councils on climate change.

The Green Deal

The [Green Deal](#) is a new mechanism whereby energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to homes and businesses can be repaid by adding a charge to the energy bill of the property. The charge has to be less than the financial savings the measures achieve, resulting in an overall reduction in energy bills. The charge stays with the property, not the person. Government has introduced the legislation for this in the [Energy Bill 2010](#). A Local Authority Panel on the Green Deal is working with DECC to set out potential roles for councils in the Green Deal.

Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC EES)

The 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR10) has redesigned the [CRC EES](#), which includes many councils. Proceeds from the sale of carbon allowances will be retained by HMT instead of recycled back to participants, generating Government around £1bn a year. The LG Group estimates this will increase costs for local authority participants an average £612,037 for 2011/12.

The LG Group has submitted a full [consultation response](#) on these changes, calling for Government to: conduct a full impact assessment for public sector participants; work with councils to ensure that the funds collected from the scheme actually help fund improvements in energy efficiency; and to re-evaluate the justification for linking schools directly with the local authority within the scheme.

